

EVENT ORGANIZERS ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS

65th Barbecue And Homecoming Is Friday

By Carolyn Walker

Plans for the newly revamped Barbecue have been in the works for the past several months, and the fruits of those labors are finally being realized. The 65th annual Barbecue is set to take place Friday at the Dawson Springs Community Center and in the downtown area around Veterans Memorial Park.

While several changes have been made, one aspect remains constant. From its beginning, the Barbecue has relied on community volunteers for its success.

It is not too late to join those volunteers as help is still needed in several areas. At approximately 6 a.m. Thursday morning hams will be placed on the pits. With more than 6,000 pounds of meat to be cooked, help is always appreciated. At 6 a.m. Friday, the meat will be taken off the pits and transported to the community center where more volunteers are needed to pull and package the meat.

Anyone who can assist in any way should call Dianne Coates, 797-8207 or 797-5599; Joe Allen, 797-8655; Pat Bruce, 797-8397; or Kathy Nichols, 836-3959.

Lunch and supper will be served at the community center. A meal includes barbecue, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans and a drink for \$8. Sandwiches are \$3.50. Chips can be purchased for 50 cents, and canned drinks or bottled water for \$1. Serving will begin at 11 a.m.

Barbecue will be sold for \$7.50 per pound at the community center and at Food Giant. Sauce is \$3 a pint and \$1.50 for a half pint. All food prices are the same as last year.

Sandwiches, chips and drinks will also be sold during the street fair in the downtown area from 6 to 9 p.m.

This year's fair will include musical entertainment. Jalyn Cotton will perform recent country hits from 6 to 6:30 p.m. From 6:45 to 7:15, the trio of Traci McKnight,

Mike Thomas and Tom Skinner will present folk, pop and country selections; and Tommy Scarpinato will sing the classic hits of Elvis and other artists from 7:30 to 8 p.m. The Dawsonettes will give a performance which includes hits of the '50s and '60s from 8:15 to 8:45. The ensemble is made up of Melissa Heflin, Cindy Bratcher, Jenny Sewell, Traci McKnight, Melissa Earnest and Alan Black.

Five B's Bouncers will be set up, and numerous vendors and games for children and adults will be available.

Booths and their sponsors are: bingo and horse game, Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park; gold fish, balloon darts, bottle rings, duck pond and lemon shake-ups, Dawson Springs High School girls soccer team; cake walk, YW Club; fast pitch, Baseball Boosters; Dunk a Pastor, E.J. and Becky Hatton (to benefit DAPS); dino dig, rock monster, face painting, pizza, funnel cakes, freaky fries and sweet tea, Day Spring Church; helium



WOOD is stacked at the municipal park ready to begin the fires in preparation for cooking barbecue tomorrow for the city's 65th Annual Barbecue.

balloons, DSHS senior class; putt putt golf, DSHS golf team; toy walk, Dawson Springs Branch Library; glow jewelry, cotton candy and popcorn, Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Also, art, prints, paintings,

drawings and crafted objects, Jar-rid Scott; purse art, Brenda Purdy; cobblers, fried pies and coffee, First Baptist Church (to benefit the Backpack program); home-

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SCOTTY HESTER, a member of the Dawson Springs Volunteer Fire Department, stands next to Jesse Robinson's Honda Civic after he helped to cut a tree off the car at Riverside Park following a severe thunderstorm just before 7 p.m. Sunday. Robinson was trapped inside his car for a short time.

submitted photo

OTHER MINOR DAMAGE

Winds Break Tree At Riverside Park

A sudden storm just before 7 p.m. Sunday resulted in damage in several areas of Dawson Springs.

A large tree in Riverside Park fell, damaging two vehicles, a 2006 Honda Civic driven by Jesse Robinson of Dawson Springs, and a 2004 Dodge Stratus driven by Melissa Michaud and Shane Banks of Cadiz. The incident occurred at 6:53 p.m. There were no injuries.

According to Chief Bill Crider,

several calls were received by the local police department concerning slight storm damage.

Numerous tree limbs fell between Hamby Avenue and Hall Street. The top blew out of a large tree north of Purdy's Grocery, and a downed tree partially blocked Depot Street.

A utility pole at 415 S. Main St. was damaged, and the roof was blown off a porch on Poplar Street.

OTHER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK

Back To School Bash To Be Held Tuesday For Students

The 2013-2014 school will be ushered in with several activities next week for local students and their parents.

The fifth annual Back to School Bash will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the multipurpose room. All students in grades K-12 who are enrolled at Dawson Springs schools are invited to attend to meet their teachers and pick

up free school supplies.

Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians must sign in at the elementary school office before meeting in the auditorium and proceeding to their classrooms. Paperwork for the new school year can be filled out at this time. Students will meet their teach-

ers and instructional assistants for each classroom, along with elementary principal Jennifer Ward.

High school students can pick up class schedules Monday and Tuesday. Seniors should report from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday and juniors from 1 to 3 p.m. Sophomores and freshmen are scheduled Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., respectively.



OLIVIA BROTHERS, 19 months, spent part of her Tuesday afternoon visiting the municipal park with her mother and other friends.

FOUR POSITIONS WILL BE OPEN; ELECTION IS AUG. 6

Youth League Needs Board Volunteers To Serve

By Jacob Parker

The Dawson Springs Youth League will soon be short several key members of its board and will very likely not continue if the positions are not filled.

The four positions on the board soon to be vacated are softball commissioner, director of concessions, trea-

surer, and president.

When Ryan Tolbert, president, and Deon Collins, treasurer, took over the league a few years ago, it was \$5,000 in debt, and several repairs were needed around the park. Because the league received a grant that allowed them to make the necessary repairs, profit from concession stands and

ticket sales were able to be put into funds for the league.

The two were able to financially stabilize the league, but there is still plenty to be done. At the end of the season, Tolbert and Collins will step down, leaving the positions of president and treasurer empty. The positions of softball commissioner and director of

concessions will also need to be filled.

To fill these positions, a person must have some affiliation with a player on the league. Collins will no longer qualify because his son is moving on to the high school team.

"We're not completely bailing out," he said. "We want people to keep it afloat."

Tolbert said the league won't continue if people don't step up and get involved to keep it going.

"We won't have a kid down here," he said.

"Our biggest fear is that April comes and there is no league," Collins said.

Tolbert and Collins encouraged members of the community who are affli-

ated with the league to get involved.

"If you want your community to support its youth, someone has to step up, and you have to do it for the right reasons, which are the kids," Tolbert said. "Everyone could share duties, and it'll run itself."

Elections will be held for the positions on Aug. 6.

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Obituaries

Virginia Davison, 86
Claude Holeman, 87
Joyce McMillin, 80
Edward G. Milton, 82
Gladys Parker, 82

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 7/24	Thu 7/25	Fri 7/26	Sat 7/27	Sun 7/28
 80/60 Isolated thunderstorms in the morning.	 82/62 Sunshine. Highs in low 80s and lows in low 60s.	 83/66 More clouds than sun. Highs in low 80s and lows in mid 60s.	 79/62 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	 79/61 Partly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s and lows in low 60s.

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‘Quick Enroll’ Now For MCC Part-Time Students

Designed to make college enrollment smoother for non-traditional students, Madisonville Community College offers the Quick Enroll program for students enrolling this fall.

The Quick Enroll program streamlines the registration process for students who have attended MCC in the past but plan to take six hours or fewer during the upcoming semester. The placement policy and prerequisites needed for some courses are still applicable under the initiative.

“We find that many students are interested in just one or two courses for work or their personal interest. By

speeding up the registration process for these students, we are providing better student service and making higher education that much more accessible,” said Aimee Wilkerson, director of enrollment management.

MCC offers expanded online coursework and a variety of career-ready programs for working adults. Financial aid is available to those who qualify, and students may register for the fall 2013 semester through Aug. 14. To register for MCC classes through the Quick Enroll program visit the MCC Enrollment Center or e-mail Wilkerson at aimee.wilkerson@kctcs.edu.



DAWSON SPRINGS Branch Library Summer Reading youngsters, (from left) Josiah Petit, Jackson Petit and Austin McCutchen are busy with a project at the Tuesday, June 11, session of the program.

photo by Jacob Parker

Registration Underway For MCC 2013 Students

Fall 2013 registration for readmit, transfer, high school and non-degree seeking students is underway at Madisonville Community College. New students are required to attend a First Semester Experience session prior to enrolling in fall 2013 courses.

MCC’s fall schedule includes three new online programs: energy management, paralegal technology and human services.

“Students taking our local online classes get the best of both worlds,” said Deborah Cox, chief academic

officer. “Students get the convenience of online learning with faculty available to meet with them locally if they have questions.”

Schedule information is available online at www.madisonville.kctcs.edu/schedule. This Web site includes detailed information regarding registration and admission requirements, the MCC academic calendar, tuition, books and more.

Fall classes begin Aug. 19. For more information, phone the MCC Enrollment Center at 824-8621 or visit www.madisonville.kctcs.edu.

MCC And WKU Offering Business Degree Online

Madisonville Community College students interested in earning a four-year business administration degree should consider a new opportunity available to Kentucky Community and Technical College System transfer students through the Western Kentucky University College of Business’ online Plus 2 Business Administration Program.

MCC students who complete an associate degree and required prerequisite courses with a minimum 2.50 GPA are eligible to participate in the program. Those who have a 3.75 GPA will qualify for a \$4,000 annual scholarship, renewable provided students maintain a 3.25 GPA while enrolled at WKU.

“This is an exciting op-

portunity for our students interested in a business career. Our college’s business program is undergoing a major curriculum revision to ensure students are prepared for the challenges of a 21st century business career and completion of a four-year business degree. WKU offers a very attractive and viable pathway for students who want to challenge themselves. Many MCC general education and business classes can be taken online to better accommodate students’ busy schedules,” said Lori Johnson, MCC’s transfer advisor.

More information about the WKU program can be found at <http://www.wku.edu/cohort/plus2business/>.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department June 12 through July 18.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

- Minor violation:
- Wet mop stored on floor.
- Papa John’s Pizza — 98**
- Minor violation:
- Thermometer needed in all cooling units.
- Ideal Market (East Center Street) — 98**
- Minor violation:
- Thawing chicken in standing water.
- Wick’s Well Market (follow-up) — 100**
- No violations.
- Long John Silver’s — 98**

Nine Die In Nine Crashes On Ky. Roads Last Week

Nine people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roads from July 15 through July 21.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Breathitt, Clark, Henderson, Jefferson, Perry and Warren. The victims in Breathitt and Jefferson counties were not wearing seat belts, and the Jefferson County crash involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Jefferson and Pike. Neither victim was wearing a helmet, and the Pike County crash involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One pedestrian was killed in Breathitt County.

Through July 21, preliminary statistics indicate 347 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 82 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 272 motor vehicle

fatalities, 135 victims were not wearing seat belts. Thirty-three of the 45 motorcycle fatalities were not wearing helmets. The four ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. One bicycle rider and 24 pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 71 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of July 21, Kentucky has had 46 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week’s Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Marvin L. Jacob, 24, 365 Henry St., Madisonville, was arrested July 16 at Rose-dale Court Apartments. He was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Troy Dykeman, 42, Dawson Springs, was arrested July 16 on Munn Street. He was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County warrant) and failure to appear (Caldwell County warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Roger Redden, 53, Madisonville, was served a criminal summons July 17. He was charged with failure to obtain an onsite sewage permit (Christian County criminal summons). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—A 16-year-old Dawson Springs female was cited and released to guardian per court officials July 19 at the Dollar Store. She was charged with third-degree criminal trespassing. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—A 17-year-old Princeton female was cited and released to guardian per court officials July 20. She was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—A 17-year-old Dawson

Springs male was cited and released to guardian per court officials July 20. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Bianca Stallins, 18, Dawson Springs, was arrested July 20 at the Dollar Store. She was charged with theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting). Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Treston Fambrough, 18, Dawson Springs, was cited July 20 on Flower Street. He was charged with possession of marijuana. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

A local man was charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—William D. Barnes, 33, 2140 Old Price Road, was charged July 16 with a Muhlenberg County warrant.

Three Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department.

—Billy W. Lowe, 56, Christian Privilege Road, was served warrants July 18 for trafficking in a controlled substance, fleeing/evading police, menacing and disorderly conduct.

—Kaylee J. Sirois, 20, Christy Lane, was charged July 19 with disorderly conduct.

—Walter A. Fulcher, 35, Walton Calvert Road, was charged July 21 with second-degree burglary and criminal mischief.

Local Man Arrested On Multiple Drug Charges

Ricky Winn, 33, of 185 Mine Equipment Road, was arrested on drug charges July 16 by officers from the Dawson Springs Police Department and Pennyriale Narcotics Task Force.

After executing a search warrant at Winn’s home, officers located a substantial amount of methamphetamine

and other items commonly used in trafficking in narcotics.

Winn was charged with one count of trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, first offense; methamphetamine. He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

The investigation is continuing.



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Princeton Man Charged With Rape In Florida

Jarrett Collins, 31, of Princeton, was arrested July 21 in Tampa, Fla. He was charged with one count of rape and two counts of first-degree sodomy of a female juvenile under 12 years of age in Hopkins County.

According to Sheriff Frank Latham, Collins is being held in Pasco County, Fla., awaiting extradition by the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Office.

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Caldwell Co. School District Delays Dropout Age Change

By Jared Nelson
The Times Leader

While many of Kentucky's school districts (including Dawson Springs and Hopkins County) moved quickly this spring to increase their minimum dropout age to 18 in return for state incentives, the Caldwell County School District is delaying its response.

A series of policy changes adopted by the county school board July 15 includes a policy delaying an increase in the dropout age until the 2017-18 school year.

Prior to this year, state law allowed students to drop out of school at 16 years of age.

In this year's General Assembly session, though, legislators passed a law that would increase the dropout age to 18 statewide — if, the bill stated, 55 percent of the state's districts signed on.

Adoption of the law, Senate Bill 97, was voluntary until 55 percent of the districts adopted the policy.

Once that threshold was achieved, the state's remaining districts would be required to implement the policy and raise the dropout age within four years.

To encourage the district votes, Gov. Steve Beshear and Education Commissioner Terry Holliday launched a "Blitz to 96" initiative, with 96 being the number of districts required to meet the 55 percent threshold.

On July 16, the state announced that 100 districts had adopted the measure.

As part of the campaign, the state education department offered \$10,000 planning grants to every district that adopts the new policy this year, with the funds intended to support full implementation of the age change in the 2015-16 school year.

The local district (Cald-

well County) is opting to hold off in its transition.

"All the districts that have passed this policy up to this point certainly were vying for the \$10,000," Superintendent Carrell Boyd said Monday.

His concern, he told the board, involves the question of what services will be put into place with regard to dropout prevention.

"Our struggle becomes how to handle those students who decide they don't want to come to school anymore," he said.

The concern does not lie with the age increase itself, he noted. "We want every 17- and 18-year-old to graduate from Caldwell County High School," he said.

"What I hesitate to support is, what program for

\$10,000 can we put into place?"

As the policy settles in, several districts that have taken the money seem to be placing their students at risk for dropping out into alternative school settings.

The Caldwell County alternative school is largely reserved for students with behavioral or disciplinary issues, Boyd noted.

Such a setting would not be an ideal location for students considering quitting school.

Rather than accept the policy and raise the dropout age to 18 by 2015-16, the superintendent recommended the board delay the move until 2017-18, to allow district officials time to identify quality programs related to dropout prevention.



DAWSON SPRINGS Branch Library summer reading youngsters, (from left) Mackenzie Creekmur and Lauryn Sizemore listen as Emily Clark, University of Kentucky archaeologist, explains a procedure to them Tuesday, June 11. photo by Jacob Parker

MCC Announces Funds For Frymore Awards

Madisonville Community College's Advancement Office announced that \$9,800 has been reserved for the Frymire Family Professional Award Series during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Honoring Richard and Phyllis Frymire for their long history of contributions to the college, this endowment supports full-time employee professional development projects through fund awards from the endowment's interest income. Judge Frymire served as the general chairman of the five-year Partners in Progress campaign that concluded in 1999 with the establishment of the Quality Endowment. A percentage of the Quality Endowment is permanently reserved for the Frymire Family Professional Award Series.

The Frymire Family Professional Award Series provides flexible professional development options for various academic endeavors, particularly activities associated with natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, student counseling/advising, and support of employees pursuing masters and doctoral degrees. The maximum annual award per employee is \$1,200.



CHILDREN participating in the Branch Library's Summer Reading Program and parents enjoying a hike to the Hunter's Bluff area Tuesday, June 18, are (from left) Tiffany McCutchen, Carter McCutchen, Jenna Fairchild, Amie Fairchild, Madysen Furgerson and Vincent Stanley.

photo by Jacob Parker

Kentucky State Government Closes Fiscal Year With Surplus

Thanks to slowed spending by cash-strapped state agencies, as well as a small bump in General Fund revenues, State Budget Director Jane Driskell announced that Kentucky state government closed the 2012-13 fiscal year with a General Fund surplus of \$70.6 million.

Driskell warned, however, that the fiscal year that just began July 1 extends the budget cuts that were in place last year, and that state agencies would continue to be challenged to deliver services with fewer dollars despite rising costs.

State Agencies Managing Continued Budget Cuts

State General Fund revenues were up 2.8 percent, or \$40 million, more than expected for the 12-month period that ended June 30. Lower spending than budgeted accounted for the other \$30.6 million of the surplus. The surplus is less than 1 percent of the FY 13 budget.

State agencies have absorbed seven consecutive years of budget reductions, some up to 38 percent of their total prior operating funds.

"In the 2012-13 fiscal year, most state agencies were reduced 8.4 percent, and those cuts are continued in the new budget year," said Driskell. "Even as the economy recovers, our limited revenue growth is not keeping pace with increases in required expenses such as pension costs and Medicaid. State agencies will have to continue to manage those reductions in the coming year."

Surplus Split Between Emergency Expenses, Rainy Day Fund

As provided by the biennial budget, Gov. Beshear has reserved \$45 million of the surplus to cover necessary government expenses for FY 14. Necessary government expenses are specified expenses in the enacted

budget that are authorized, but for which no specific appropriation is made, such as costs associated with emergencies and natural disasters.

The remaining \$25.6 million will be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, the state's rainy day fund. This will increase the Budget Reserve Trust Fund balance to \$147.3 million. However, the enacted biennial budget appropriates \$49 million from the Fund in FY 14, leaving an available balance of \$98.3 million, or .7 percent of the enacted budget for the new fiscal year.

The Road Fund surplus was \$17.7 million due to lower spending than budgeted, as Road Fund tax revenues came in \$8 million less than budgeted. The \$17.7 million surplus will be deposited into the state highway construction account.

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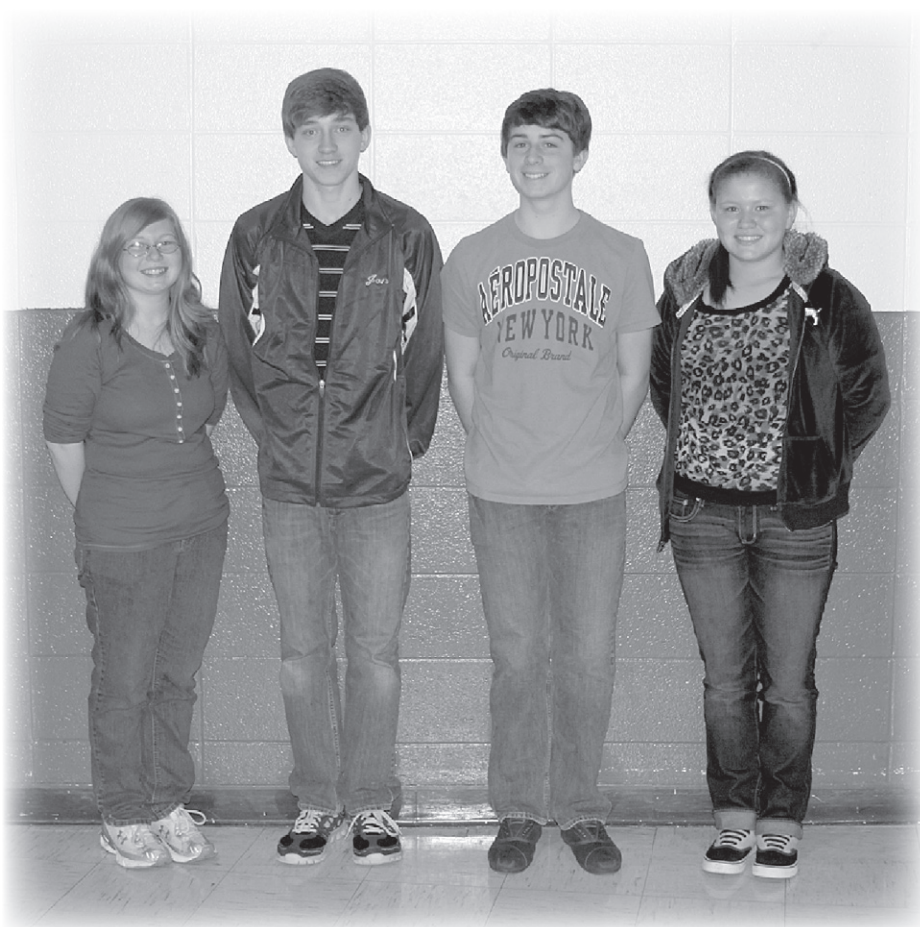
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UK Soil Research Aims At Improving Crops

By Katie Pratt

Access to water is the biggest limiting factor to Kentucky soybean and corn yields. Researchers in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment are hoping they can help increase yields by breaking down a hard layer in the soil called the fragipan.

The fragipan is formed by a naturally occurring chemical process that creates a cement-like layer in the soil. About 50 million acres in the United States and 2.7 million acres in Kentucky have a fragipan layer in the soil. In Kentucky, this layer is found in silty loess soil types usually between 20 and 24 inches below the soil surface. While it can be found throughout the state, it particularly affects soils and crop production in the Purchase and Green River areas.

"In the summertime, it reduces the amount of water available to a crop, causing corn and soybeans to yield 20 to 25 percent less," said Lloyd Murdock, UK soil scientist and the project's principal investigator. "In wheat, the fragipan causes water to build up in the winter and early spring, so it affects root growth and final productivity too."

With funding from the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board, Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, Murdock and fellow UK soil scientists Tasios Karathanasis, Chris Matocha and John Grove hope they can find a relatively accessible and inexpensive material that can break up the fragipan. They expect this product will be something producers can apply to the soil surface to penetrate the soil or a plant they can use in rotation with grain crops.

"Our objective is to remediate the pan and in-

crease yields by at least 10 percent," Murdock said. "Over a 10-year period at today's grain prices, a 10 percent yield increase could translate into an additional \$1,400 to \$1,500 per acre for producers and have a \$2 billion impact on Kentucky's agricultural economy."

Karathanasis and Matocha began conducting lab research in January to see if they can find a material that will break down fragipan samples taken from the soil at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. Materials they are currently studying include calcium carbonate, fly ash, municipal waste and poultry litter. These materials were mixed with water to emulate rainfall. In addition to visually observing the fragipan samples breaking down, the researchers will analyze the solution for inorganic and organic ions, pH level and released chemical binding agents. This will give them clues to the chemical process that must occur for the fragipan to dissolve. Research will continue on these materials for the next several months, Karathanasis said.

As Karathanasis and Matocha identify potential materials, Murdock and Grove will conduct field studies on them. They have already begun studying the extent that different depths of the fragipan affect yields. They are also looking at certain promising materials and plants.

"There are some early indications that poultry litter, annual ryegrass, magnesium and sodium will disperse the pan," Murdock said. "Increasing soil pH will also disperse the pan. Some organic compounds also seem to do so, but we don't know what those are yet."

The researchers hope to positively identify materials capable of breaking up the fragipan within five years.



CHILDREN and parents take part in the Branch Library's Summer Reading Program with a hike to the Hunter's Bluff area Tuesday, June 18.

photo by Jacob Parker

Short Courses Offered To Ky. Woodland Owners

Both novice and experienced woodland owners will learn how to attract more wildlife, produce a cash timber crop and provide a place for family recreation at one of the Woodland Owners Short Courses offered in each of the three geographical regions of Kentucky. For the first time, one of the regional programs will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Wood Expo.

Many woodland owners are not aware of the wide variety of organizations and programs available to help them care for their woodlands. The 2013 Woodland Owners Short Course will connect landowners with professionals who can help them achieve their particular management goals. Participants in the Central Region Woodland Owners Short Course can also attend the Kentucky Wood Expo, where they will have the opportunity to view equipment demonstrations and meet

hardwood industry professionals. Expo activities will include programs and exhibitors targeted toward forest landowners, arborists and finished wood processing, as well as lumberjack, knuckleboom loader and skidder competitions. There will be something for the entire family, with plenty of food, local entertainment, a silent auction and a children's educational program.

More than 10 Kentucky forestry, wildlife and natural resource organizations work in partnership to plan, conduct and evaluate the one-day short course. Local planning committees have developed the regional programs with local needs in mind, so each region's course will vary slightly from the others.

In the West Region, the course is scheduled for Aug. 10 at the Daviess County Cooperative Extension office in Owensboro. From there, transportation to the

Felix Barker Tree Farm will be provided.

Concurrent tracks target either the seasoned woodland owner or those who are just beginning. Landowners who have recently acquired woodlands or who are beginning to think about management and pondering their options should enroll in the Green Track, while more experienced woodland managers can register in the Gold Track. Past graduates of the short course will also find valuable information by returning to the course through the Gold Track.

Depending on the track and the region, sessions will cover such topics as tree identification; tree planting; croptree management; management of storm-damaged timber; wildlife habitat improvements; woodland certification; timber harvesting and sales; Ag Water Quality Plans and cost share programs; timber theft and trespass; hunting

leases; financial assistance and threats to forest health including the emerald ash borer and other forest pests.

Each short course begins at 9 a.m. and concludes around 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Preregistration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. The West Region sessions are \$20 for individuals, \$30 for couples.

Those planning to attend the West Region short course are encouraged to attend the wood expo and join the Central Region participants for the equipment demonstrations. Advance tickets can be ordered for \$5 each when registering for the short course.

For a detailed listing of course topics at each location and to register, visit the short course Web site at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php>. Registration can also be done via phone by calling 859-257-7597.

Hopkins Farmers' Market Receives State Funding

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation approved a combined total of \$4,292,427 in grants and loans during their monthly business meetings at Carter Caves State Resort Park.

The KADB, headed by Gov. Steve Beshear, approved \$3,060,268 in 32 agricultural diversification projects across the commonwealth.

Among the state and regional investments was \$12,130 in state funds for Hopkins County Farmers' Market through the 2013 Farmers' Market competitive Awards Programs. Funds will be used for improvements to the existing market, such as concrete flooring to increase accessibility and signage for promotion of the market to increase customer

awareness of market availability.

Hopkins County was also one of 16 counties to benefit from \$2,422,191 from the County Agricultural Investment Program. CAIP is designed to provide farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their current production practices.

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Service Is Held Tuesday For Claude A. Holeman



CLAUDE HOLEMAN

The funeral for Claude A. Holeman, 87, of Hanson, formerly of Dawson Springs, was held Tuesday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Mike Boyd officiated. Burial was in Cansler Cemetery in Christian County.

Holeman died July 21, 2013, at the West Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson.

He was born April 20, 1926, in Hopkins County, to the late Herschel and Imogene Armstrong Holeman.

He served his country in the United States Army during World War II and worked in the Civil Service for the U.S. Air Force in Japan. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Dawson Springs.

In addition to his parents, Holeman was preceded in death by two sisters, Melissa Swatzell and Dixie White; and two brothers, Robert Holeman and Richard Jay Holeman Sr.

Survivors include a sister, Nancy Holeman Holmes, Dawson Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center, P.O. Box 107, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

Service Will Be Thursday For Joyce Ray McMillin

Graveside services for Joyce Ray Morgan McMillin, 80, of Princeton, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Rosedale Cemetery. The Rev. Wayne Lamb will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

Mrs. McMillin died July 22, 2013, at Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton.

She was born Nov. 7, 1932, in Hopkins County, to the late Clint and Opal Ligon Morgan.

She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. McMillin was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Floyd McMillin, Dec.



JOYCE MCMILLIN

20, 2004; a son, Teddy Ray McMillin, Nov. 6, 1989; and two sisters, Norita Workman and Mary Sue Jenkins.

Survivors include a son, Clint Terry McMillin, Princeton; and a brother, Gary Morgan, Dawson Springs.



MATTHEW MILLER packs down soil onto seasonal flowers on the corner of Munn and South Main streets on Tuesday, May 28, as part of the 2013 Summer Reading program. photo by Jacob Parker

OBITUARY

Memorial Service Today For Virginia Davison, 86

A memorial service for Virginia Dorothy Davison, 86, of Mayfield, formerly of Madisonville and Dawson Springs, will be held at 1 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Gary Vacca will officiate. Burial will be in Odd Fellow Cemetery in Madisonville.

Mrs. Davison died July 20, 2013, at Heritage Manor in Mayfield.

She was born March 23, 1927, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to the late Willard Austin and Cellia Francis Austin.

She was a co-owner of the House of Dav-Ren in Madisonville, a former writer for the society page of the Madisonville Messenger and manager of The Davis Shop. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Madisonville.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Davison was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Davison, June 6, 1977; a grandson, Ian Davison; four brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law,



VIRGINIA DAVISON

Beth and Scott Dillingham of Dawson Springs, and Sally and Pat Scott of Murray; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Lorna Davison of Homosassa, Fla.; a sister, Mary Thompkins of Tulsa, Okla.; six grandchildren, Derek Davison, Mary Beth Buck, Amy Mills, Jennifer Bennett, Mandi May and Robert Dillingham; and three great-grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Dawson Springs Branch Library, P.O. Box 9, Dawson Springs, KY 42408 or MCCCH Hospice, For: Hospice House, 803 Poplar St., Murray, KY 42071.

Edward Gene Milton Dies; No Service Is Scheduled

Edward Gene Milton, 82, of Possum Trot, died July 20, 2013, at Marshall County Hospital.

He served in the United States Army 101st Airborne Division during the Korean War.

Survivors include two daughters, Karolyn Skees, Fredonia, and Lisa Lenear, Possum Trot, two sisters, Ruth Dean Blunkall, Dawson Springs, and Kay Hopper, Madisonville; a brother, William Milton, Murray; and six grandchil-



EDWARD MILTON

dren.

No services will be held at this time.

Gospel Jubilee To Feature Brother Steve Warren

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilesley, will feature Bro. Steve Warren of Cookeville, Tenn., at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Service Is Held Sunday For Gladys J. Parker

The funeral for Gladys Jewell Parker, 82, of Madisonville, formerly of Dawson Springs, was held Sunday at Harris Funeral Home.

Bro. Andy Corbin officiated. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in St. Charles.

Mrs. Parker died July 18, 2013, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born July 30, 1930, in Indian Mound, Tenn., to the late Roy and Mary Moody.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Parker; children Eva Kay, Roscoe, Tony and Hazel Parker; and siblings Beulah Bagwell and Coy Moody.

Survivors include four sons, Charlie Parker, Dawson Springs, Johnny Parker,



GLADYS PARKER

Nortonville, David Parker and Curtis Parker, both Madisonville; two daughters, Inez White and Eyvone Buntin, both Madisonville; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was the grandmother of Jacob Parker, the summer intern at The Dawson Springs Progress.

Hatley Twins Participate In CU Campus Ministry

Emily and Jennifer Hatley were among the Campbellsville University volunteers who helped to host Girls Day Out this month. The event, sponsored by Baptist Campus Ministry, allowed young girls a time of feeling beautiful and being treated like princesses.

Seventy-one girls, who ranged from first to fifth grade, traveled to four stations for makeup, hair, nails and crafts in the Ransdell Chapel on the Campbellsville campus.

Student volunteers shared their faith while showing the youngsters that their worth is

not on the outside.

"The Lord works using the smallest of details," Jennifer Hatley said.

"The elementary school girls walked away knowing God loves them and cares about their hearts, and they got to meet amazing examples of college girls living for God. It was an amazing experience to reach out to the community and spread the Gospel," said Anna Stepp, women's ministry leader.

Emily and Jennifer are the granddaughters of Richard and Ruby Hatley of Dawson Springs.

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Highway 109 North
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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JON BLALOCK, South Hopkins Water Co. employee, stands next to his truck. photo by Jacob Parker

South Hopkins Water Employee Enjoys The Diversity Of His Job

By Jacob Parker

“Heroes didn’t leap tall buildings or stop bullets with an outstretched hand; they didn’t wear boots and capes. They bled, and they bruised, and their superpowers were as simple as listening, or loving. Heroes were ordinary people who knew that even if their own lives were impossibly knotted, they could untangle someone else’s.”

-Jodi Picoult
Second Glance

Learning about Dawson Springs, I feel this description is fitting of the town’s founders. Their hard work and service helped to shape the community into what it is today. This spirit for hard work is evident today in Jon

Blalock, an employee of the South Hopkins Water District.

After spending time with him on a ride-along to learn about his job, I learned quite a bit about this town as well. Blalock embodies the values of the hard-working community of Dawson Springs.

“I’m a problem solver,” he said.

Before becoming employed at the water district, Blalock was working construction for AT&T until he decided he wanted a change.

“I wanted a new challenge,” he said.

He wasn’t disappointed. Serving more than 31,000 customers, there are plenty of problems to be taken care of and challenges to overcome. Reading meters, installing them, and fixing

leaks are just a few of the required monthly tasks.

“This is not a 9-to-5 job,” he said. “You are on-call 24-7, 365.”

Working together is an important part of the job, he said. Every one plays an equally important role, from the rest of his team to the ladies at the office.

“We are a self-sufficient group,” he said. “With the knowledge we bring together, we get it done.”

Many customers often have problems, from blown gaskets to (figuratively) blowing a gasket when their water is cut off. The effort to fix the situation is a way of life for Blalock.

“You work and you do what you have to do to take care of the problem,” he said. However, Blalock said

the worst part of his job is when he has to cut off someone’s water, because he knows the need for it.

“You can do without anything but water,” he said.

Blalock explained that the best part of his job is his office.

“This is it,” he said as he spread his arms out and motioned to his truck. “Welcome to my office.”

Driving around and watching the world go by, passing friends and interacting with the public, and having the chance to think are some of the perks of Blalock’s office. Depending on the weather, Blalock covers anywhere from 150 to 200 meters a day.

“There’s never a same day out here,” he said. “Similar, but not the same.”

Upcoming KET Programs

KET is providing exclusive coverage of Fancy Farm 2013 with a special Comment on Kentucky, live coverage of the event and the 2013 edition of the highlight show. The program airs at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 3.

On the Aug. 6 edition of Jubilee, recorded live at the 2012 International Bluegrass Music Association Fan Fest in Nashville, two acts take the stage: Junior Sisk & Ramblers choice, who took home 2012 song of the year and album of the year honors,

and IBMA vocal group of the year Blue Highway. Jubilee can be seen at 7 p.m.

Host Bill Goodman sits down with David Gergen, a senior political analyst for CNN and a professor of public service at Harvard University on the Aug. 4 edition of One to One. Gergen was the former editor of U.S. News and World Report and served as an advisor for presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton. The program airs at noon.

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Renewing The House Was The Fulfillment Of A Dream

By Jacob Parker

The 1884 deed reads that the house is on a dirt road running from Princeton to Madisonville. Nearly 130 years later, it still stands in the community, a testament to one woman's dream. Step into the home located at 305 W. Arcadia in Dawson Springs and you will step into Ruth Riley's imagination.

You enter the home through what was once the back entrance, into a hallway with freshly varnished floors and a grandfather clock in the corner. To the right, you enter a sitting room that includes furniture that once belonged to Ruth's mother and a

double-sided fireplace that can be seen on each side of the connecting room. Walk through and you'll be in the home-style kitchen, complete with a custom-made stove, a large cabinet made of a door that was once a part of the house, and the exit to the back porch -- a new addition to the home.

Going up the stairs, you notice the stencil of flowers on the front of each step that Ruth added herself. Each of their bedrooms upstairs



DUDLEY Riley stands out in front of his home at 305 W. Arcadia Ave.

photos by Jacob Parker

was decorated specifically to their respective personalities. A war hero, Dudley's room showcases a framed map of Europe, among other WWII memorabilia, highlighting his route as a prisoner of war. Ruth, creatively

innovative, changed the architecture of two bedrooms into one, yet kept the integrity of the ceiling height forming artistic slopes and a sort of alcove that houses the bed.

Intricately decorated directly from Ruth's own ideas, the Riley's house wasn't always a dream home.

Uninhabited since the 1980's, except for a "squatter," the house was left unattended. Water from the highway flowed underneath the house causing floors to drop down. Seals were rotted out, and a screw-jack was the only thing holding up two of the rooms.

"When we first came into the house, you could not get in,"

Ruth said.

"It was deplorable," Dudley added.

Initially making a bid for the house in 2008 during the estate sale but not being accepted, they made their second bid in 2010 and were able to purchase the house. Beginning construction in July 2010, the couple has managed to complete renovations for nearly the whole house.

Renovations included replacing the entire roof, sheet-rocking all

story house, she had the vision of the house pretty well mapped out in her mind. Despite the condition the house was in before the renovations, Ruth said there was no doubt in her mind that it would be her home.

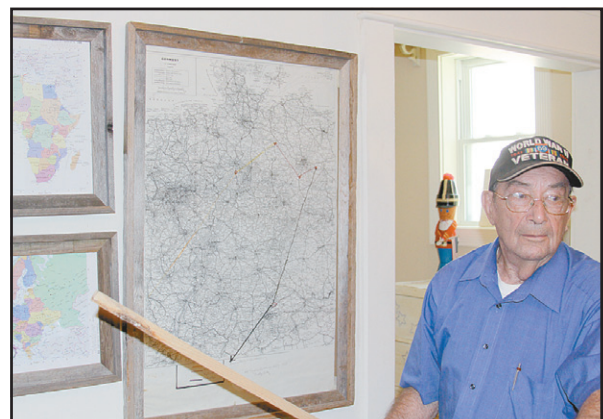
"When we walked into this house, as bad as it was, I could see it. I knew what I wanted, and I could just see it," she said.

Her husband, Dudley, said that he decided to let Ruth do what she pleased with the house.

"I let her imagination run wild," he said. "I'm 90 years old. I've lived a long life, and I feel like this is a destination."



RUTH Riley admires the cabinet made out of an original door from the house.



DUDLEY Riley points toward the map in his bedroom, showing the routes he was taken as a prisoner of war.



A CUSTOM made stove designed by Ruth Riley is the main attraction of the kitchen.



DUDLEY and Ruth Riley sit together on the back porch swing of their renovated home.



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Transition Begins For 10-Digit Phone Dialing

At the end of next week, phone customers throughout Western Kentucky who use the 270 area code may begin using 10-digit dialing as the area prepares for a new dialing code.

The option to use the area code runs from Aug. 3 through Jan. 31, 2014. After that date customers will be required to dial 10 digits when placing local calls.

The need for a new area code arose years ago, but after several delays the Kentucky Public Services Commission has ordered an area code overlay for the 270 region that covers Western Kentucky.

Beginning in March of 2014, customers throughout the region who request new service will likely be assigned the new 364 area code.

In the fall of 2012 the PSC opened proceedings that led to the decision to do an area code overlay instead of a split, which would assign area code 364 to a portion of the current area code 270 territories.

Andrew Melnykovych, director of communications of the PCS, said the overlay system of adding an area code has become the national standard and will prevent the hassle of half the people in the region receiving a new number.

"No one will have to make any adjustments except for the 10-digit dialing," he said.

Melnykovych said it was likely based on the information PCS had received that there will be a shortage of available numbers that use the 270 area code in the first half of 2014.

"We conducted fairly exhaustive meetings last fall," he said. "The decision, based on information gathered and constituent input, was to do an overlay."

Area codes 270 and 364 will be used in the same physical space, and he said the biggest advantage of an overlay was that no one would have to change their old numbers.

While it's optional for customers to start using 10-digit dialing until the end of January, it will be mandatory after that point.

Local calls throughout the region will require dialing 10 digits, and to dial long distance, callers must add 1.

The reason behind the overlay is that there aren't many numbers left available with the 270 area code.

He said new customers might be able to still receive the 270 area code numbers after February, but that bigger businesses that might come to the area will almost certainly need numbers with the new area code.

"Bigger blocks of numbers aren't available," he said. "It will be a gradual transition until there are no more numbers with the 270 area code."



MARY ADAMS helps (from left) Landon Pace, Carlton McCuiston, and Cainan Trautman to correctly plant flowers on Tuesday, May 28, as part of the 2013 Summer Reading program on the corner of Munn St. and South Main.

photo by Jacob Parker

Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson Is Guest Speaker At MSU

By Hawkins Teague
Murray Ledger & Times

Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson spoke to the Governor's Scholars Program at Murray State University, discussing public service and several major issues facing Kentucky.

Abramson — who was the mayor of Louisville from 1986 until he ran as Gov. Steve Beshear's second-term running mate in 2011 — talked to the high school students participating in the summer program about why he got into public service. He said that during his final year at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, he was inspired to volunteer for Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign when the former attorney general campaigned for the primary in that state.

"Bobby Kennedy gave me this chance because I had an opportunity to travel with him around the state and introduce him, and I chaired the Students for Bobby Kennedy for President when I was a senior in college," Abramson said. "It gave me the chance to take him to Notre Dame and Purdue and Franklin College and Evansville College and introduce him to students and hear him talk about what he thought he could do with the rich and the poor, the blacks and the whites, the Jews and the Gentiles all together in this country attempting to bring us together as a better nation."

"... and as a result of that, I got the 'bug,' I got the passion for wanting to be in a position to make a difference. So that's how I stepped

into public service. Not politics. I've not done very well at politics. I've done pretty well at public service."

Abramson encouraged the scholars to be inspired by mentors who come along in their lives. He told them that no matter where their interests lie, they can create opportunities for themselves by following those interests, and that they should not fear that they will never find a job after finishing school as long as they pursue their goals with passion.

Abramson finished his appearance by taking questions about various important issues facing the state. He said poor health was one of Kentucky's biggest problems, and discussed Medicare and Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Talking about higher education, he said the increasing burden on families to pay higher tuition rates was a big problem because the share paid for by the state has shrunk so much in the last 15 years.

Abramson also commented on the upcoming 2014 race for the U.S. Senate. He said that whether one supports the incumbent, Republican minority leader Sen. Mitch McConnell, or his Democratic opponent, it is going to be a mean and nasty campaign with a great deal of money being poured into both campaigns from outside the state. He said it would certainly be the most expensive election in Kentucky's history.

State Food Prices Fall

By Janet Patton
Lexington Herald-Leader

Food prices in Kentucky in all six food groups fell in the second quarter, according to the Kentucky Farm Bureau Marketbasket Survey.

It was the first across-the-board decline in more than five years, according to Farm Bureau. The average of \$112.70 for 40 basic grocery items was the lowest total since 2010.

Prices fell \$3.57, or 3.1 percent, from the same list in the first quarter of the year, and they were down 0.3 percent from the second quarter of 2012.

Kentucky beat the national trend: According to Consumer Price Index figures also released Tuesday, food-at-home prices increased nationally by 0.2 percent in the last month.

Overall, the national

average price for food at home has grown by a total of 0.9 percent in the past 12 months.

But in the Farm Bureau survey of grocery stores across Kentucky, beef, dairy, fruits and vegetables, grain, pork and poultry all showed drops in average price, with dairy showing the greatest total decrease, \$1.45, or 6 percent.

The biggest price decrease was for a half-gallon of vanilla ice cream, with an average price drop of 62 cents.

One of the few things increasing in price were tomatoes, up an average of 24 cents a pound.

Overall, 28 of the 40 items in the marketbasket survey experienced decreases in average price; 10 items increased; and two items, corn oil and vegetable oil, were unchanged.

AT A GLANCE

Top decreases

The Marketbasket survey's top three average price decreases reported for items in the second quarter of 2013:

Item	March 2013	June 2013	Price decrease	(%)
Vanilla ice cream (half-gallon)	\$3.82	\$3.20	down 62 cents	(-16.2)
Whole smoked ham (1 pound)	\$2.67	\$2.20	down 47 cents	(-17.6)
Pork spare ribs (1 pound)	\$2.80	\$2.42	down 38 cents	(-13.6)

Top increases

The Marketbasket survey's top three average price increases reported for items in the second quarter of 2013:

Item	March 2013	June 2013	Price increase	(%)
Tomatoes (1 pound)	\$1.44	\$1.68	up 24 cents	(16.7)
White bread (1 pound)	\$1.49	\$1.68	up 19 cents	(12.8)
Whole fryer chicken (1 pound)	\$1.20	\$1.32	up 12 cents	(10)

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PATIENTS HAVE SUFFERED FROM RAPID SWITCH

Kentucky's Hurried Transition To Medicaid Managed Care Has Been Anything But Smooth

By Molly Burchett
Kentucky Health News

Gov. Steve Beshear rushed to transplant Medicaid into a new bed called managed care, hoping the new medium would save money and improve health, but his administration didn't take time to condition the soil, fertilize the ground or oil the machinery in 2011. This month, managed-care company Kentucky Spirit proved to be the self-plucking bad weed, fleeing the state as it cited unbearable costs.

Kentucky's hurried transition to Medicaid managed care has been anything but smooth for many doctors, hospitals and other health-care providers. They have complained about late payments and burdensome reimbursement processes.

It's also not been smooth for the state or the managed-care firms, which are subsidiaries of insurance companies. There have been court battles, tension-filled negotiations, dropped contracts, allegations of a contract breach and now the departure of Kentucky Spirit, pushing its 125,000 clients to one of the other two companies operating outside the Louisville region.

Most important, patients have suffered from the rapid switch and ensuing wrangles. They complain that prescriptions previously covered by the old "fee for service" system are now denied as not being "medically necessary" by managed-care firms, which the state pays a set fee per person. Patients in rural areas complain because they must drive long distances to find providers in their Medicaid company's network.

But there have been improvements in delivery of health care, particularly in the areas of vaccinations and other preventive services, says the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Those include a 33 percent increase in flu vaccinations and an increase in immunizations for children, more well-child visits, increased smoking-cessation consultation, and more than a 50 percent increase in diabetes testing, cabinet spokeswoman Jill Midkiff said.

State and companies made some missteps

Amid those encouraging signs for the future, most

of the news about managed care in the past 10 months has been about Kentucky Spirit's potential departure which occurred July 6. The cabinet is preparing legal action to seek damages from Kentucky Spirit for abandoning its contract; the company, a subsidiary of St. Louis-based Centene Corp., says it didn't break the contract and took every step possible to make a smooth and orderly transition. The state Court of Appeals ruled that Kentucky Spirit could end its contract without a two-month transition period for patients because the state had plenty of time to make arrangements for the company's departure.

It's not clear that the state can recoup damages, or lost taxpayer money, from Kentucky Spirit, though it is having to pay the other two companies more because Kentucky Spirit was initially the low bidder for a managed-care contract. CoventryCares and WellCare of Kentucky are paid an average of about \$100 more per month per Medicaid patient.

When Kentucky Spirit first threatened to leave in October 2012, it said it was losing money due to "faulty data" the state provided during the bid process. The two other companies received the same information.

"There were no flaws in the state's data book," CoventryCares CEO Michael Murphy told Kentucky Health News. But he said the companies miscalculated because the data book didn't refer to retroactive payments. That led to a loss of \$50 million for Coventry in the first quarter of 2012, he said. Now, he added, the company has a greater understanding of the system.

WellCare, asked if the state provided faulty data, did not answer as definitively. "Medicaid programs are expansive and complex, and it is not unusual for any state to provide data during a RFP [request for proposals] process that may have anomalies or other issues that could negatively impact rates if left unaddressed over time," said Mike Minor, president of the firm.

Schedule seemed politically influenced

Both companies said the state's transition to managed care was rapid and taught difficult lessons. That raises

questions about whether haste made waste. Kentucky Spirit blames the state for its losses, and providers blame managed care companies for reimbursement issues, but evidence continues to clearly indicate two problems: too little time and money.

The state has been using managed care in the Louisville region through the not-for-profit Passport Health Plan since the late 1990s, and had long considered expanding it to other parts or all of the state to save money as Medicaid costs burgeoned, especially during the Great Recession.

Beshear proposed state-wide managed care in the budget he gave the General Assembly in early 2011, called a special legislative session to authorize it in March 2011, and signed the legislation on March 25 of that year. The state requested proposals from managed-care companies two weeks later, and bids were due less than two months later.

Contracts were finalized July 8 but implementation was not scheduled until Oct. 1. It was delayed until Nov. 1 "at the insistence of the Kentucky Hospital Association," which "asserted more time was needed for hospitals to negotiate contracts with plans," says a University of Kentucky report published last year and funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

"Several informants told us that they believed that the upcoming election for Kentucky's race for governor was a primary contributing factor in the rapid implementation timeline," the report says. "Beshear's office saw the closing of this gap as a major issue that needed to be addressed before the November election," which was held Nov. 8. That effectively delayed most publicity about complaints regarding implementation until after the election.

"There is no doubt that the commonwealth's rapid transition from a Medicaid fee-for-service program to a managed-care program raised a number of unforeseen challenges," said Minor, of WellCare.

"Certainly, the short timeframe . . . made for a difficult transition," said Midkiff. "Despite the negative portrayal of the managed-care companies, much

progress has been made . . . and we expect that progress will continue."

Implementation timeline from UK's Medicaid managed care report

In October 2012, the managed-care companies continued to be dissatisfied with their fees, claiming they were inadequate to provide quality care, says the UK report. In January 2013, the state gave CoventryCares and WellCare 3 to 5 percent rate increases. Kentucky Spirit asked for 21 percent, Murphy said, but got only 1 percent.

Murphy said the state had reduced rates below those established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "We want to establish base rates for primary care services that we hope the state will continue," he said.

Minor said, "While there were legitimate prompt-pay issues during the first six months of implementation of Medicaid managed care, we are now well past those issues."

Looking ahead

Murphy said some of CoventryCares' initial failures were due to the company's lack of understanding, and it has found Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Haynes and her actuaries very cooperative and transparent, helping improve the system. "CoventryCares had to first figure out the problems going on with providers and payments. We had to understand the risks we had, and things have settled down quite a bit, especially regarding the pre-authorization process," he said. "We've stopped the bleeding."

Murphy said health-care providers will bear the burden of Kentucky Spirit's departure. To resolve issues faced by providers even before that, the cabinet has held regional forums across the state. Reception at the forums has been positive, and providers have been grateful for the opportunity to address any problems or complaints they have with the cabinet and Medicaid staff, said Midkiff.

Some providers still complain, saying that they should not have to meet with managed-care and state officials to receive payment for services already provided to Medicaid patients.

Starting in January 2013, primary care providers were supposed to be paid Medicare rates for Medicaid services over a two-year period, but some providers have yet to see that rate increase. Murphy said Coventry is planning to pay the increased rates as soon as the state's application is approved by federal officials.

Murphy said managed care should not be about the money, but about the member. He said primary care is at the core of improved health outcomes. Minor said WellCare has also made it a goal to establish relationships with primary-care providers.

But for those primary-care providers facing financial difficulties in wake of payment cuts, it is about the money because they need it to keep their practices open.

One of providers' latest complaints is CoventryCares' recent limit on dispensing certain prescription pain killers, to a 15-day supply. The move was made "to curb the manipulations going on with opioid painkillers," said Russell Harper,

the company's director of government relations.

Murphy said, "It's not everybody, but there are physicians that don't want to engage in health care." He acknowledged that the prior-authorization process between doctors and pharmacists can be a hassle, but it's just another facet of managing the health care of Medicaid patients. That, and saving money, are what managed care is all about.

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MADYSEN FERGUSON and Joshua Logan listen attentively to their instructor at the Tuesday, June 11, session of the Summer Reading Program at the Dawson Springs Branch Library.

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Barbecue Moves Full Circle

It's been said, "What goes around, comes around."

Who knows the author of that quote, but perhaps it is derived from something King Solomon said in Ecclesiastes: "The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns."

It's certain Solomon was not speaking about our community's annual Barbecue, but with it's return to town, it has again come full circle back to where so many people have such fond memories of Barbecues from the past.

Many times those memories prove to be much sweeter than ever trying to reproduce them. Hopefully, the new memories from the 65th Annual Barbecue will prove the move back downtown was indeed a good idea.

That cannot happen unless the Dawson Springs community once again supports the annual community event. Volunteers are again needed Thursday morning at the barbecue pits and throughout the day and night there. Many volunteers are needed Friday morning as the meat is pulled from the bones and prepared to be sold and served.

And then Friday evening, the downtown area needs to be filled with young and old alike, enjoying one another's company, the food and the festivities.

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Or, if you want to dig a little deeper in your wallet, for only \$22 you can purchase a one-year subscription.

For those of you who aren't regular readers, we hope you have enjoyed this complimentary copy of The Progress.

Since the local First Baptist Church is looking for a new pastor, here is a humorous look at a pastoral search process and one fictitious committee's report...

We do not have a happy report to give. We have not been able to find a suitable candidate for our church, though we have one promising prospect. Thank you for your suggestions. We have followed up on each one with interviews or calling at least

- three references. The following is our confidential report.
1. Adam: Good man but has problems with his wife. One reference told us how he and his wife enjoyed walking nude in the woods.
 2. Noah: Former pastor of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.
 3. Joseph: A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream interpreting and has a prison record.
 4. Moses: A modest and meek man, but poor communicator; even stutters at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly in business meetings. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.
 5. Deborah: One word — female.
 6. David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.
 7. Solomon: Great preacher, but serious woman problem.
 8. Elijah: Prone to depression, collapses under pressure.
 9. Hosea: A tender and loving pastor but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.
 10. Jonah: Told us he was swallowed up by a great fish. He said the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.
 11. Amos: Too much of a country hick. Backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise, but has a hang-up against wealthy people.
 12. John: Says he is a Baptist, but doesn't dress like one. May be too Pentecostal. Tends to lift both hands in the air to worship when he gets excited. You know we limit to one hand. Sleeps in the outdoors, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.
 13. Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper, even said to have cursed. He's a loose cannon.
 14. Paul: Powerful CEO type and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.
 15. Timothy: Too young.
 16. Jesus: Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5,000, He managed to offend them all and his church dwindled down to 12 people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And of course, he is single.
 17. Judas: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday in view of a call.

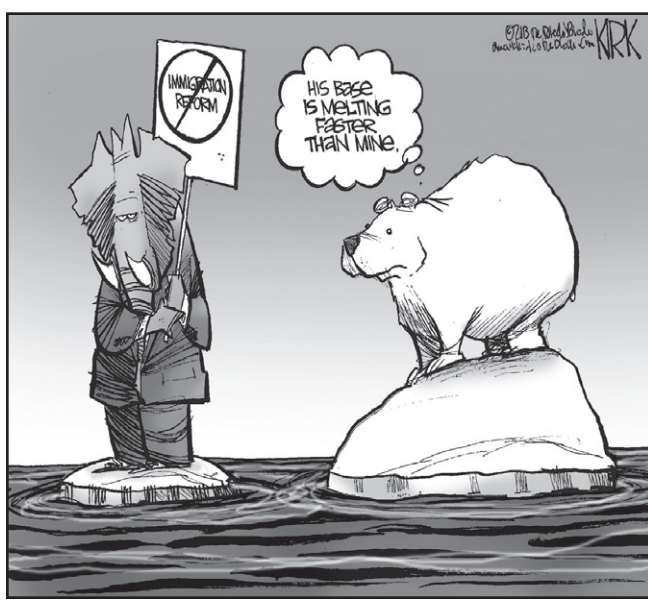
—The boy came skipping into the house with a big lollipop in his hands.

"Where did you get it?" his mother asked.

"I bought it with the quarter you gave me."

"The quarter I gave you was for Sunday School."

"I know Mom," said the boy, "but the minister met me at the door and got me in free."



COMMENTARY

Freedom/Liberty Overused Words

By Jim Waters
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Detroit manufactures trucks with the promise that upon purchasing the vehicle, drivers will experience the rush of "freedom." Hollywood produces movies where stock characters use their good looks to battle enemies who would encroach upon our "liberty."

Processed food items sold from McCracken to Pike County boast of ingredients "free" of fat or preservatives, and myriad city halls across Kentucky force restaurants to be "free" from cigarette smoke.

Certain politicians and bureaucrats want you to believe that wiretaps, drone strikes and a rapidly expanding welfare-warfare state are now necessary for a "free" society to exist.

Some misguided souls even claim that true "freedom" from government overreach requires one to live a cave dweller-like existence with no human cooperation, and where re-entering civil society requires forfeiting all liberties.

However, true freedom has nothing to do with fat-free yogurt or smoke-free — Continued on page A7

IRS Scandal Is Snuffed

It was the little scandal that couldn't.

Despite considerable effort from Republicans to fan the flames all the way to the White House, the Internal Revenue Service scandal has been definitively snuffed.

The kerfuffle began in May, when a report by a Treasury Inspector General concluded that the IRS had inappropriately singled out conservative groups applying for tax-exempt status for additional scrutiny.

But that report has since been proven to be critically flawed.

The Inspector General's office had knowingly excised mention of the IRS' scrutiny of groups with the words "progressive," "Occupy," "healthcare legislation" or "Israel" in their names.

Instead, the report portrayed the IRS as exclusively targeting "Tea Party" or "patriot" organizations, prompting criticism from this editorial page and righteous indignation from Republicans and Democrats alike.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., the powerful chairman of the House Oversight Committee, whose raison d'être appears to be pinning any scandal — real or imaginary — on President Barack Obama, began a comprehensive investigation.

But the results did little to corroborate his conspiratorial worldview.

Testimony released by Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., the ranking member

on the committee, refuted any allegations of Nixonian overreach.

Instead, the released interview with IRS official John Shafer, a conservative Republican who launched the screening program, recorded him as saying, "what I did was not targeting."

When asked whether the White House was involved, Shafer replied, "I have no reason to believe that."

And contrary to cries of governmental tyranny, no one was denied the freedom to exercise their political beliefs — they simply had to wait a little longer for a tax credit.

Dejected Republicans, having only recently moved on from the similarly imploded Benghazi non-scandal, would do better to focus on needed investigations into the Department of Justice's wiretapping of the Associated Press and the unprecedented and seemingly uninhibited capabilities of the National Security Agency.

Yet, obscured by all the optics is a real reason for IRS scrutiny of these seemingly political groups.

The targeted groups were filing for tax-exempt status as 501(c)(4) or "social welfare" organizations, which do not have to disclose their donors and are supposed to use all funds "exclusively" for education or community betterment.

But the IRS' actual enforcement of these rules is — Continued on page A7

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 24, 2003.)

The 55th annual Dawson Springs Barbecue will be held Friday.

The funeral for Leslie Trotter, 16, was held Sunday afternoon, July 20 at Beshear Funeral Home.

Jessica Budd was crowned queen at the Little Miss and Master Barbecue Pageant held Saturday, July 19.

Jo Phillips, 38, was held Saturday morning, July 23, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 25, 1963.)

Funeral services were held for Charles Alton McKnight, 35, Monday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

The final clearing of Lake Beshear was started Monday afternoon.

Construction bids on the nine hole golf course at Pennyryle Forest State Park will be opened on August 20 by the Department of Finance at Frankfort.

Mrs. Donnie Goodwin, secretary at the Kentucky Department of Highways District Office No. 2, Madisonville, was chosen to represent District 2 in a bathing beauty contest held yesterday in Frankfort.

Richard Paul Storm was born Tuesday, June 4, in the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton. He weighed eight pounds and four ounces.

Funeral services were held for Dock Wallage Thomason, 64, Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On July 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln informs his chief advisers and cabinet that he will issue a proclamation to free slaves, but that he will wait until the Union Army has achieved a substantial military victory. The Emancipation Proclamation had less to do with ending slavery than saving the crumbling union.
 - On July 28, 1929, President John F. Kennedy's wife, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, is born into a prominent New York family. In 1951, she began her first job as the Washington Times-Herald's "Inquiring Camera Girl," roaming the streets of Washington, D.C., and asking "man on the street" questions.
 - On July 26, 1943, Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger is born in Dartford, Kent, England. Michael Philip Jagger attended the London School of Economics, but left without graduating in order to pursue a career in music.
 - On July 25, 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the world's first baby to be conceived via in vitro fertilization, is born in Manchester, England. In December 2006, Louise gave birth to a boy, Cameron John Mullinder, who was conceived naturally.
 - On July 27, 1996, in Atlanta, the XXVI Summer Olympiad is disrupted by the explosion of a nail-laden pipe bomb in Centennial Olympic Park. The bombing killed one and injured more than 100 others. Police were warned of the bombing in advance, but the bomb exploded before the anonymous caller said it would.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ike Said It Correctly

Dear Editor,

I accidentally ran across a quote by Dwight D. Eisenhower that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post that seemed to hit home at the condition of America.

Many a politician has argued for reducing government spending, but none more eloquently than Dwight D. Eisenhower who brought it all down to one question: "All of us will share the blame if continued spending and debt lead

us not into lasting prosperity but into decadence and peril. This includes the empire-building bureaucrats, too few of whom seem able to follow the wise doctrine of self-restraint. It includes Congress, holder of the purse strings, but all too often willing to give in to subsidy-seeking pressure groups or too eager to seek votes with 'pork barrel' appropriations. But most of all it applies to us — private citizens — who allow our votes to be swayed by public spenders, who fail to look beyond an immediate government check to ask ourselves, 'How does this affect our children's future?'

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Christian Co. Is Great For 2017 Solar Eclipse Viewing

By Carla Jimenez
Kentucky New Era

With the 2017 solar eclipse still more than four years away, Christian County won the astronomical lottery of having the greatest eclipse.

However, the town of Murphysboro, Ill., will be the site of the longest eclipse. Does that sound confusing? Astronomer Larry Koehn ran into the same problem a few months ago when he was examining several online maps of the path of the eclipse.

Koehn, who lives in Ed-dyville, has been with another astronomer, Michael Zeiler, who runs the Web site www.eclipsemaps.com. During their online exchange, Koehn said, he found out another important astronomical

event would happen about 100 miles east of Christian County. “(Zeiler) mentioned that the greatest eclipse was going to be in Murphysboro, Ill., and not in Kentucky,” said Koehn,

who had heard the greatest place to watch the eclipse would be here in Christian County. “I said, ‘Well, this sounds kind of strange.’”

So Koehn started asking some of the foremost astronomical experts about the discrepancy.

He exchanged e-mails with Xavier Jubier, an astronomer based in France, and Jubier explained that the maps initially miscalculated the exact location of longest eclipse because the formulas failed to take into account the shape of the moon.

Most of the formulas were calculated under the assumption that the moon is a perfect sphere, but in fact it has an uneven surface full of craters and mountains.

“We’re still going to see the eclipse,” Koehn said, “but the longest duration is going to be in Illinois, not Kentucky.”

Initially, this led Koehn to believe the location of

the greatest eclipse had shifted to Illinois. But that assumption wasn’t correct because the location of the longest eclipse and the location of the greatest eclipse aren’t necessarily the same, said Scott Bain, an assistant professor of astronomy and physics at Hopkinsville Community College.

Bain explained that the greatest eclipse will be where the moon’s shadow points as close to the earth as it’s going to get, like one would see when a lamp is pointing at an object from both sides.

“The moon’s shadow is cone-shaped, and the sun is so big that it acts like a whole bunch of lamps,” Bain said. “So the greatest eclipse is defined as the location along the eclipse path where that cone is pointing as close to the earth as it’s going to get.”

With that in mind, Bain said, Christian County will still be the site of the greatest eclipse because the cone of the moon’s shadow will be pointing directly at the site just a little west of Hopkinsville.

“Longest duration and greatest eclipse is going to

be close together. They don’t have to be exactly in the same place,” Bain said. “We are at the location of greatest eclipse. Illinois is where the eclipse is going to last the longest, the absolute longest.”

And even though the eclipse will last longer in Illinois, the difference will be negligible.

“The difference between the times will be a tenth of a second,” Bain said. “It’s going to last 2 minutes and 41 seconds here. It’s not that big of a difference.”

The discrepancy between the greatest eclipse and the longest eclipse caused some confusion initially, but Bain said eclipse maps, by tradition, generally place more emphasis on the point of the greatest eclipse.

That comes as good news to Cheryl Cook, director of the Christian County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. She has been promoting the solar eclipse for five years now, and she said

people are already calling to reserve spots near the site. She’s also preparing for a new Web site more than four years in advance.

“I’ve been working on that in 2007. I’ve done a lot of research and made notes,” she said.

Murphysboro and Hopkinsville both won astronomical lotteries with the eclipse, and people looking for the best place to watch it will have to make a choice: Do they want to see the greatest eclipse or would they rather be where it will last the longest?

For Zeiler, neither really matters as much as just getting to see it.

“Being at the point where the duration is the longest isn’t that important,” he said. “Looking for the best weather and nicer landscape is much more rewarding. If I were you, and in the event the sky is clear on the day, I would stay home as it’s a unique opportunity to witness one from home.”

Kentucky Selected For National Health Program

Kentucky has been chosen to collaborate on an ambitious project to design better ways to provide responsible medical care to so-called “super-utilizers” — people who frequently use emergency rooms for regular health care instead of lower-cost alternatives.

Gov. Steve Beshear announced July 17 that the National Governors Association has selected Kentucky, along with six other states, to participate in a collaborative effort to design and improve state-level health systems to ensure better provision of coordinated and targeted services for these super-utilizers.

“I’m proud Kentucky has been chosen to participate in this important program,” said Gov. Beshear. “Across the nation, an understanding has been growing that we must focus our efforts on providing the best in coordinated care, helping to direct individuals who may be using more expensive, less effective services to more cost-efficient preventive services that provide better health outcomes in the long run. It’s by achieving these outcomes that we will build a healthier future for Kentucky.”

Developing or enhancing systems of care for super-utilizers can enable state officials to address rising Medicaid expenditures while improving quality of care and health. Kentucky Medicaid spent more than \$219 million on emergency room (ER) use in 2012. In that 12-month span, 4,400 Medicaid recipients used the ER 10 or more times, including a

recipient who visited the ER 121 times and another who used 30 different ERs.

The Developing State-Level Capacity to Support Super-Utilizers policy academy is designed to assist states in creating the regulatory environment, data systems, workforce, financing structures and stakeholder relationships to support the delivery of high-quality and comprehensive services for super-utilizers. The selected states are Alaska, Colorado, Kentucky, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

“Kentucky has too long lagged behind in health rankings, and now is the time for us to begin truly moving the needle in the right direction,” said Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes. “By participating in this national effort, we can learn what has worked for other states and share Kentucky’s experiences as well.”

A policy academy is a highly interactive, team-based, multi-state process for helping a select number of states develop and implement an action plan to address a complex public policy issue. Participating states receive guidance and technical assistance from NGA staff and faculty experts, as well as consultants from the private sector, research organizations and academia.

Funding for the policy academy is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Atlantic Philanthropies. To learn more about NGA’s health division, please visit www.nga.org/cms/center/health.

IRS Scandal Is Snuffed

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lax enough to allow such groups to make political contributions as long as they account for less than half of total expenditures.

Accordingly, savvy operatives have taken advantage of 501(c)(4) status to funnel vast sums of money from secret donors into election campaigns.

In 2012, Republican strategist Karl Rove’s social welfare organization, Crossroads GPS, spent more than \$70 million, all collected secretly, on behalf of Republican candidates, an illustration of how farcical campaign finance laws have become.

The IRS’ attempts to uphold whatever shredded campaign finance laws exist would naturally require stricter scrutiny for overtly political groups that might be masquerading as social welfare organizations.

As keen as Issa and the Republicans were to spin the IRS revelations into a scandal, their indifference towards the unregulated torrents of money flooding our elections is surprising.

Or perhaps not, once you remember how the politicians got here.

—The Herald-Leader

LETTER

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Dwight D. Eisenhower who wrote Spending Into Trouble May 18, 1963.

Former British prime minister Winston Churchill wrote, “Taxing yourself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.”

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JESSICA PURDY (left) helps her children Lane and Will into the swimming pool at the municipal park Tuesday. Also entering the pool for a dip is Linsey Hoard.



CAYDEN AUSTIN, 4, climbs the monkey bars at the municipal park Tuesday afternoon while visting the park with friends and family.

\$500 GRAND PRIZE

Barbecue Prizes Announced

A grand prize of \$500 provided by the Dawson Springs Community Center board will be raffled off at Friday's annual Barbecue along with 28 additional prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. They may be purchased from Rotary Club members and will also be available at the community center and in the downtown area Friday night.

This year's prizes and donors include \$35 cash, The Dawson Springs Progress; \$20 gift certificate, Happy Nails and Spa; \$25 gift certificate, Woodburn's Pharmacy; \$50 gift certificate, Purdy's Grocery; country ham, Harned Insurance; Olive Garden gift card, Fifth-Third Bank of Dawson Springs; 13-ounce Candleberry made in Frankfort, the

Peach Tree Florist and Gift Shop; \$25 gift certificate, Huddleston's Jewel Gallery, Ron and Renee Huddleston owners; \$30 cash, Rex Parker Insurance; \$15 everything pizza, Pizza Hunt; large Godfather's pizza, Dawson Springs Minit Mart; 12-inch one-item pizza, Panther Pizzeria; 12-inch one-item pizza, Panther Pizzeria; lamp valued at \$79.95, Clark, Beshear and Clark Furniture and Appliances; \$25 gift card, Planters Bank of Dawson Springs; \$25 cash, United Methodist Women; folding chair and blanket, U.S. Bank of Dawson Springs; six fold-out chairs, Food Giant; \$10 one-topping pizza, Pizza Hunt; \$25 gift certificate, Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce; \$25 gift certificate, Dawson

Springs Chamber of Commerce; one night's lodging, Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park; hummingbird feeder and nectar valued at \$26.50, Hayes Hardware; finch bird feeder and two tool and knife sharpeners worth \$32, Hayes Hardware; \$50 cash, B.W. Akin Co. LLC, Chris and Trish Haulk owners; 2014 family pool pass worth \$160, Dawson Springs City Pool; country ham, Leonard Law Firm; 8-inch cake, Dawson Springs Dairy Queen; 8-inch cake, Dawson Springs Dairy Queen.

The drawing will take place at 9 p.m. at the end of the Barbecue fair. The winner of the grand prize must be present to win. All other winners may claim their prizes at a later date.

65th Barbecue Will Be Friday

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made ice cream, Breezy Hill Farm; books by local authors, Becky Solomon (to benefit the branch library); shaved ice, Pete Adams; barbecue sandwiches, drinks and chips, Dawson Springs Community Center; raffle,

Dawson Springs Community Center; membership tables, Dawson Springs PTO and Air Evac; Scentsy candles, warmers and room sprays, Jessica Key; novelty crafts, shirts, trinkets and snacks, Relay For Life "Flying Purple Cancer Beaters; bows, bracelets and bottle

cap magnets, Beautiful Bel-las Boutique; hair painting, Dunn Baptist Church youth group.

The fair will end at 9 p.m. with the drawing for prizes including the \$500 grand prize. Only the grand prize winner must be present to win.



WINDS from an early evening thunderstorm blew a tree at Riverside Park down onto these parked cars Sunday during a Tradewater Amateur Men's League baseball game. No one was injured but the cars received considerable damage.

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Herky Rupp Weighs In On Possible Renaming Of Arena

By Jerry Tipton
Lexington Herald-Leader

On a trip to New York last weekend, Herky Rupp found himself in a crowd. A conversation with a stranger quickly led to the inevitable where-are-you-from?

Answer: Lexington, Kentucky. To which the man said, "Oh, I made a special trip there to see Rupp Arena."

Recalling the exchange, Herky said, "He didn't know I was Herky Rupp from Adam. That makes you feel really good."

That good feeling might get diminished in the next few years. One of the ideas for funding a proposed reinvention of Rupp Arena is a sale of the naming rights. Not a surprise that Herky Rupp, the son of Kentucky basketball founding father Adolph Rupp, prefers the name remain the same as it's always been: Rupp Arena.

"Absolutely," he said last week.

He noted how other elite programs in college basketball have not surrendered their perfectly good names to corporate interests: Allen Field House remains Kansas basketball's home as does Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke, the Dean Smith Center (aka the Dean Dome) at North Carolina and the ultra-generically named Assembly Hall at Indiana.

But, of course, Rupp Arena is not owned by UK. City leaders must find a way to pay for a proposed sweeping renovation. Any and all ideas during this difficult economic time must be considered.

"I understand that, and I'm sympathetic to that, too," Herky Rupp said. "They'll have to do what they have to do."

But Herky playfully suggested that there are limits. "'Duke Energy Rupp Arena' just doesn't sound good to me," he said with a chuckle.

By the way, UCLA's Pauley Pavilion has undergone a \$136 million renovation financed through donations expected to total around \$70 million and sponsorships. The school is negotiating for a naming rights sponsor for the renovated building, a move UCLA says the Edwin Pauley family approves and encourages.

When the naming rights idea for Rupp Arena took root recently, a Lexington company floated an idea on its website. How does "Big Ass Fans Rupp Arena" strike you?

The company's CEO (or as he's known colloquially, Chief Big Ass) Carey Smith sounded a tad defensive about the name of his company, which manufactures fans for industry that range in size from 60 inches to 24 feet.

"There's absolutely nothing wrong with our name," he said last week. "I mean, everybody loves it. Everybody would love to see it on the side of a big building."

Whatever you think of it, the name certainly is more memorable than what Smith originally called his company: HVLS Fan Company.

When asked if he agreed that an irreverent name like "Big Ass Fans" did not smoothly synchronize with a place that evokes reverence like Rupp Arena, Smith paused and said quietly, "Probably not."

Smith voiced strong support for a united effort by citizens and businesses to donate money to fund the project. He said he opposed any company looking to "slap its name on a community treasure."

Lexington Mayor Jim Gray sounds open to the idea of selling naming rights. But he said he'd want "Rupp Arena" to remain part of the name.

Although his company floated that exact idea a week earlier, Smith recoiled when asked about it. "The whole idea is pathetic. ...," he said. "It's demeaning to the community. ... I find it odd and I find it distasteful."

Smith endorsed the "True Blue Membership" idea. Fans and companies buy shares of the reinvention of Rupp Arena much like the Green Bay Packers helped finance a renovation of Lambeau Field.

"Everybody knows this is the center of college basketball," Smith said. "Why can't you do something like that rather than slap somebody's (name) on, whether it's a great name like Big Ass Fans or anybody else's name on a building? That cheapens the whole thing."



Diamond minds

AUSTIN CLARK (above) of the 13-15 year old Dawson Springs Tigers tags out a Crittenden County runner in a run-down between second and third base during action July 16 at Riverside Park. At left, Jared Bean prepares to step on the bag for an out while, below, Kevin Brooks pitches against Crittenden County.

Mike Howton



Central City sets baseball tourneys

The Central City Youth Athletic Association will host a Back to School Classic for 8U, 9U and 10U baseball teams Aug. 16 and 17.

Each age group is guaranteed three games. The entry fee is \$150 per team, and individual trophies will be given to the winner and runner-up.

To enter, phone John Lovell at 543-2689.

Alumni Soccer Games Planned

The Dawson Springs High School soccer vs. alumni games will be played Saturday at Riverside Park.

The girls will play at 5:45 p.m. with the boys game at 7:15.

The public is invited.

Cross country practice slated

Cross country practice for Dawson Springs girls and boys will begin at 7 p.m. Monday at the municipal park. All runners must have a current sports physical.

For additional information, phone Coach Rhonda Simpson at 797-4904.



TRAVIS VINCENT of the Dodgers (left) and Brett Cobb of the Cardinals (above) pitch during adult league play July 17 at Riverside Park.

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BOB WATKINS

With fewer than 40 days until Kentucky and Western open the college football season in Nashville, there is news buzz across the land.

News and Views.

NEWS. Coaches Charlie Strong (Louisville) and Mark Stoops (Kentucky) broke bread together this week at the Kentucky Derby Museum to promote the upcoming Governor's Cup.

VIEW. All plus. Does football in Kentucky get any better than ... Strong's team vying for a national title; Stoops waving a magic wand (recruiting) over his program at UK enough to have 49,000-plus show for a spring game?

NEWS. At SEC football media day last week, Kentucky's Raymond Sanders fired the first verbal volley at Western Kentucky football. The UK running back said the Hilltoppers 'disrespected' the Wildcats after a stunning win on UK's home turf last year.

VIEW. Typical bravado to promote the game, but I wonder if Sanders is running extra laps this week. Considering UK's 2-10 season last year, we can bet coach Mark Stoops had four instructive words for his players here-after. "Shut the hell up!"

NEWS. Best in College Sports Award is home in Kentucky. University of Louisville earned it and everybody else was second by a mile.

CBS Sports.com ran up the Cardinals flag. Men's and women's basketball successes, a Sugar Bowl win; and trip to baseball World Series showcase sports prosperity in the Ville.

VIEW. And Peyton Siva married a beautiful lady at Yum Center. Life is good.

NEWS. ESPY weighed in. An ESPY for Rick Pitino. Louisville's charismatic coach is back at the summit ... best of the best in all sports, the network said.

VIEW. Charmed Life II Pitino is living at UofL. Humiliated in Boston and humbled by a scandal in Louisville,

Pitino is back at the summit.

Some will remember Da Coach's Charmed Life I. 1989-1997, piper Pitino micro-managed an era of revival, prosperity and fun at Kentucky like none since Adolph Rupp. Wins and losses came soon enough, but Pitino made his program about The Journey more than winning a crystal basketball. His supreme confidence became contagious. In all years covering hoops I never saw Kentucky fans happier. Pitino's emphasis on "embrace the precious present" soothed even the worry warts whose glass-is-half-empty attitude was symbolized by fret over Richie Farmer's playing time.

Was a golden age when UK teams belonged to fans by way of Cawood Ledford and Bill Keightly. Both are gone now. Kentucky basketball has become D-League, and much of that Old Blue Magic has faded.

NEWS. Seventy-three University of Kentucky student-athletes made the Southeastern Conference First-Year Academic Honor Roll.

Football: Seven; Men's basketball: Six. Qualification: Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, be on scholarship, have completed 24 semester hours of non-remedial credit, and been a member of team for the sport's entire NCAA championship segment.

The 2013 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll is based on grades from the 2012 summer, 2012 fall and 2013 spring terms.

VIEW. Refreshing. That university officials consider it press release-worthy is good too.

NEWS. Kyle Wiltjer has transferred to Gonzaga.

VIEW. This sort of decision-making should serve him well in the real world. Wiltjer left a comfort zone (Washington State) to play in the eastern time zone, challenged himself at Kentucky, enjoyed modest success, earned an NCAA title ring (and experience), and now has his cake and will eat it too.

Gonzaga assistant Donny Daniels said recently. "(Mark Few) does a great job of role identification. Everybody has a role, and those guys pretty much buy into what we're trying to do to make us the best team we can."

Part of Few's aura is instincts, how players fit into his system.

NEWS. NBA Phoenix rookie Archie Goodwin scored 20

for Suns in a game last week. In three games the ex-Kentucky player was six-of-six from the 3-point line. Goodwin said he's being going to the gym frequently to work on correcting his shot motion.

VIEW. That first round pick Goodwin is settling into a pro career is a reminder the NBA Players Union and NCAA failed him and fans too, by not allowing him to go directly to play-for-pay, skip college, leave a scholarship for a kid who wants to play college hoops.

NEWS. Keith Olbermann returns to ESPN to host a late night show.

VIEW. Brilliant and irreverent, Olberman debuts Oct. 26. When he grows up - in some ways we hope he never does - Olberman is good enough to have all late night talking heads looking for work.

NEWS. With back-to-back national championship trophies in the case, Alabama coach Nike Saban must be living the wonderful life. Maybe. Earlier this year a rival SEC football coach said Saban is the Devil. Last week he had a new nickname. Robot.

VIEW. More curious than why such stupid remarks rise to the level of reporting, is why editors pass them on to print.

NEWS. Steve Spurrier wants to "pay the players." At SEC media day, South Carolina's coach suggested \$300-a-game. And, Spurrier added, he wouldn't object if funding came out of coaches salaries.

VIEW. The stampede you heard was ball coaches hitting the exits.

Worth Repeating Dept.

Antonio Morrison is a sophomore middle linebacker for the Florida Gators. Last week he was arrested (second time in five weeks). The charge? Allegedly barking at a police dog then resisting arrest.

Suspended for the Gators first two games already, Morrison was asked "why did you bark at a police dog?"

"Because the dog barked first," he replied.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

Think About Fall Plantings Now To Help Wildlife

By Art Lander

The heat of summer is a good time to begin thinking about fall plantings to benefit wildlife.

Winter wheat is a top choice for a fall crop because it is readily eaten by deer and wild turkey and is an excellent nurse crop for clover. Winter wheat is typically planted Aug. 15 through Oct. 31.

Broadcast wheat seed with a hand-crank spreader and rake or disk it under.

"I recommend planting clover at the same time you plant the wheat," said Joe Lacefield, a private lands wildlife biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The clover will take root over the winter and come on the next spring as the wheat starts to die back."

In tobacco country, winter wheat has been the cover crop of choice to the benefit of wildlife. High in protein and easily digestible, winter wheat provides high quality green forage which is especially attractive in the late season.

Lacefield said one way to prepare a site is to mow, then apply herbicide when the re-growth starts.

"After the weeds have died back, then till the area before planting," said Lacefield. "Ideally, you want to time the planting of your winter wheat and clover seed in anticipation of rain."

Another site preparation option is tilling or mechanical cultivation whenever the plot is dry over a period of time leading up to planting. Tilling uproots grass and weeds and loosens the soil.

Plots should be located on a level spot with decent soil fertility and full sun a majority of the day.

KENTUCKY AFIELD

Winter wheat grows best when the soil has a pH of 5.8 to 6.5. Use a soil test to measure the nutrient levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) as well as the acidity of the soil. Soil test kits are available at most farm stores. Follow directions carefully.

If fertilizer needs to be added to your plot, consider using 10-10-10, a formulation commonly available in 50-pound bags.

Both fertilizer and agricultural lime are available in pellet form, for easy application with a hand-crank spreader. Lime improves water penetration and the uptake of nutrients of plants growing in acidic soils.

Don't skimp on the amount of lime that is recommended. Low pH is usually an issue with soils in Kentucky.

Two excellent plot locations are the edge of a field or an existing woods opening that deer or turkey are already using. Your tree stand or ground blind should be within easy shooting range and downwind of the plot.

Lacefield suggests planting Ladino or white clover in shaded, woodland openings. Red clover seems to do better in open fields with full sun, growing well on the warm weather days in September and October. Red clover grows taller than white clover and is less impacted by weeds, but all stands of clover need periodic mowing to thrive.

This perennial cool-season legume helps increase soil fertility and provides an almost year-round source of high

quality forage for wildlife.

An established plot of clover starts growing in the early spring and lasts until it is killed back by the heaviest frosts of late fall.

Author Art Lander Jr. has been writing about the outdoors since the 1970s. He is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield Magazine.



KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO

Jim Barnard, wildlife technician for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, loads winter wheat seed into a no-till planter. Establishing winter wheat plots this fall gives deer and wild turkey beneficial winter forage. Fall is also a good time to plant clover to provide excellent wildlife food from early spring to late fall.

LBL Quota Deer Hunt Deadline Nears

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area reminds hunters that the July 31 deadline for submitting 2013 quota deer hunt applications is approaching.

To submit an application before July 31, visit www.lbl.org or call 270-924-2065.

The application fee is \$5 online, or \$7 by phone. On or after Aug. 28, applicants can visit www.lbl.org and go to the quota hunt application link to see if they were drawn.

Quota hunts not only provide unique recreational

opportunities within the LBL region, they help maintain a healthy deer population.

Deer harvested on LBL are bonus deer and do not count toward statewide bag limits. All quota hunt permits will be either-sex permits.

Also, there is an LBL-wide one antlered buck limit.

Habitat maps, and the LBL Recreation Map which shows the hunt areas, are available on the Internet at h/www.lbl.org/VCMaps.html.

Hot Days Can Be Good For Bass Fishing

There's a good reason tournament angler Kelly Jordan describes the hot months of summer as one of his favorite bass fishing seasons. The Yamaha Pro follows fish from shallow water to deep during the day, a technique he learned during years of guiding at Lake Fork in Texas.

"The key to following bass in summer is fishing an area that has some type of route like an old roadbed, a tree line, or a creek channel leading from the shallows to deep water nearby," Jordan emphasizes. "The bass move back and forth between shallow water and deep, so finding a shallow flat, a long point, or a cove that gradually falls into deeper depths is always worth trying."

"This movement may not be more than a hundred yards, or it may be 300 to 400 yards. It depends on what the deeper water offers the bass. At the same time, if there is abundant shallow cover, particularly hydrilla or some other thick vegetation, the bass will usually stay shallow longer, too."

Jordan strongly recommends starting a July or August day of bass fishing 30 to 45 minutes before daylight because that is when fish are most likely to be in very shallow water. He believes these bass may be the same fish that moved shallow to feed during the night, and they're extremely susceptible to topwater lures like buzz baits and frogs.

"This shallow bite does not last long after the sun rises," he said, "so I really like a buzz bait because I can make long casts and cover a lot of water. I try to key on cover like logs and laydowns, lily pads, and rocks, and generally in just two feet of water or less. I work the cover thoroughly, too, usually making two or three casts to the same object with a slow, steady retrieve to give a fish plenty of time to hit it."

When this early, shallow water action ends, he changes to a shallow running crankbait, often a square bill model, and begins fishing slightly deeper water down to five or six feet. He may also try flipping soft plastics if the cover is thick enough, but his primary choice is the crankbait.

"What I'm trying to do is take advantage of all my options in relatively shallow water before the fish move.. Frequently, I'll fish the same cover with the crankbait that I fished with the buzz bait, simply because it has such a different action. Buzz baits bring reaction strikes, while the crankbait may entice

more of a feeding strike."

When this bite does end, Jordan moves further out to 12- to 20-foot depths, studying his electronics to locate both steeper depth changes as well as possible schools of baitfish. If he has found a creek channel or even a ditch leading from the shallow water toward deeper water, this is where he concentrates his search. If he's been fishing a point, he just keeps following it further and further out in the deeper water.

"I'll really cover this water thoroughly with a deep diving crankbait, grinding it along the bottom across any breaklines from shallow water to deep ... places I really look for are bends in a channel, and cover like rocks, stumps, and flooded timber. I just keep working further out into the deeper water because I know eventually I will find the fish again."

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Four Turns

- 1 CHANGES IN TV LAND** On Tuesday, NASCAR announced that it had come to an agreement with NBC Sport Group as a broadcast partner in a contract that will run through the 2024 season. NBC will replace ABC/ESPN and Turner Sports (TNT) following the 2014 season. NBC picks up the final 20 races of the Sprint Cup season — seven will air on NBC, 13 on NBC Sports Network. It will also televise the final 19 Nationwide Series events (four on NBC, 15 on NBCSN). In addition, NBC has obtained exclusive rights to practice and qualifying sessions for the national series events during it's portion of the season, as well as rights to broadcast the NASCAR K&N Series, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, NASCAR Toyota (Mexico) Series, the NASCAR Hall of Fame induction ceremony and NASCAR's season-ending banquets. FOX and FOX Sports 1 will air the Sprint Cup Series' first 16 events as well as those of the Nationwide and Camping World Truck series.
- 2 STANDING ALONE?** Although it was a "standalone" weekend for the Nationwide Series at Chicagoland Speedway, a Cup regular found Victory Lane. Joey Logano, in the No. 22 Penske Racing Ford, held off teammate Sam Hornish Jr. and Richard Childress Racing's Austin Dillon to score the win in the STP 300. It was Logano's second NNS victory this season and the 13th for a full-time Sprint Cup driver in 18 events. Logano's 20 wins in the series ties him with Greg Biffle for 15th on the all-time list.
- 3 ADDING A FOURTH?** Richard Childress said on Monday that his organization is close to finalizing sponsorship for its three-car stable in 2014 and may even add a fourth. Although RCR is losing Kevin Harvick, who will drive for Stewart-Haas Racing next season, it is expected to promote Austin Dillon to the Cup Series to join current drivers Jeff Burton and Paul Menard. "We have sponsorship on a third (car) and we actually have some sponsorship on a fourth," Childress said of a ride that could potentially bring Kurt Busch or Ryan Newman into the fold. "But having it all finalized and put together, it could be a couple of months down the road before we have everything ready."
- 4 SUSPENSION (NOT PROBATION)** NASCAR says it has suspended the use of aerial cameras used within race-tracks after cables used on a FOX camera broke at Charlotte Motor Speedway in May. NASCAR cited the safety of its competitors and fans, pending further investigation of the May failure.

Sprint Cup Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Jimmie Johnson (4)	696	—
2. Clint Bowyer	640	-56
3. Carl Edwards (1)	623	-73
4. Kevin Harvick (2)	622	-74
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	578	-118
6. Kyle Busch (2)	576	-120
7. Matt Kenseth (4)	576	-120
8. Greg Biffle (1)	545	-151
9. Brad Keselowski	529	-167
10. Kasey Kahne (1)	523	-173
^ CHASE FOR THE SPRINT CUP ^		
Out of 10th		
11. Martin Truex Jr. (1)	521	-2
12. Jeff Gordon	521	-2
13. Tony Stewart (1)	518	-5
14. Kurt Busch	516	-7
15. Jamie McMurray	507	-16
16. Aric Almirola	502	-21
17. Jeff Burton	498	-25
18. Joey Logano	487	-36
19. Ryan Newman	487	-36
20. Paul Menard	487	-36

Nationwide Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Sam Hornish Jr. (1)	632	—
2. Regan Smith (2)	625	-7
3. Austin Dillon	624	-8
4. Elliott Sadler	612	-20
5. Justin Allgaier	610	-22
6. Brian Vickers	587	-45
7. Kyle Larson	579	-53
8. Brian Scott	567	-65
9. Trevor Bayne	563	-69
10. Parker Kligerman	563	-69

Truck Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Matt Crafton (1)	357	—
2. Jeb Burton (1)	319	-38
3. James Buescher	317	-40
4. Ty Dillon (1)	309	-48
5. Johnny Sauter (2)	305	-52
6. Ryan Blaney	290	-67
7. Miguel Paludo	285	-72
8. Timothy Peters (1)	281	-76
9. Brendan Gaughan	280	-77
10. Darrell Wallace Jr.	272	-85

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Matt Kenseth (20) and Jimmie Johnson (48) have been the drivers to beat thus far in the 2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup season. (Photo by ASP, Inc.)

The Race to the Chase

Handicapping the 20 drivers vying for 12 coveted playoff spots

By MATT TALIAFERRO
Athlon Sports Racing Editor

As if the Sprint Cup season is not already fractured and labeled — “regular season” vs. “The Chase” — NASCAR and its television partners also feel the need to label the 10 races prior to the 10-race playoff as “The Race to the Chase.” While not a fan of the fragmentation, I’ll humor the powers that be. So with seven races remaining until the Chase, here is a rundown of which drivers and teams look to be a safe bet to make the playoffs and those with work left to do.

The Big Two Jimmie Johnson and Matt Kenseth, though separated by 120 points and six positions in the championship standings, have laid waste to the field in 2013. The duo accounts for eight wins in 19 races and 2,014 laps led. Johnson has been the more consistent of the two with an 8.8-place average finish, and will once again be considered the overwhelming favorite at Chase time.

Kenseth’s maiden voyage at Joe Gibbs Racing has been one of highs and lows. His four top-5 showings have all resulted in victories while five finishes of 25th or worse — mostly for engine-related issues — have handicapped his points-showing.

In On Wins Kyle Busch (2 wins), Carl Edwards (1) and Kevin Harvick (2) sit safely inside the top 10 from a points perspective and have scored at least one valuable victory that most assuredly guarantees them of a Chase slot.

This will be an interesting trio to watch during the Chase in that Edwards’ Ford group seems a step behind Rick Hendrick’s Chevs and Gibbs’ Toyotas; Harvick has managed to ignore his lame-duck status at Richard Childress Racing

to remain competitive; and Busch, arguably the most dynamic on-track presence in the series, has been felled by mechanical demons.

Somewhere in the Middle Stuck somewhere in a netherland between contender and pretender sits Clint Bowyer (2nd) and Dale Earnhardt Jr. (5th).

No doubt Bowyer will make the Chase on points alone. But last season’s championship runner-up has failed to find Victory Lane in 2013, a trip he made three times last year, and winning a title is predicated on being able to win a few weekly battles along the way.

Earnhardt’s journey is a familiar one for the sport’s most popular driver. A weekend staple in the top 10, Junior has failed to cash in on a win. He seems relatively safe on points alone with a 55-point cushion on 10th place, but the dearth of wins will likely continue, as will his hopes for a first Sprint Cup title.

Squarely on the Bubble Greg Biffle is much more precariously perched than Bowyer and Earnhardt, sitting 22 points ahead of the 10th-place cutoff. His Michigan win should carry the day — though a slump in the final seven regular season races would find him teetering on the brink, as three drivers behind him also have victories to their credit.

Brad Keselowski is trying to avoid becoming the first defending champion since 2006 (Tony Stewart) to miss the following season’s Chase. It’s been a rocky road for his No. 2 team thus far, but the heady leadership in place will find a way to right the ship. Look for a string of solid results to find him safely ensconced in the playoffs.

Kasey Kahne’s performance has resembled Kenseth’s despite the fact that he has three fewer wins. Sitting 10th in the standings, his points total has taken a hit thanks

to three run-ins with Busch that ended strong showings. It’s hard to imagine Kahne and crew chief Kenny Francis can’t steer their Hendrick Motorsports hardware into the Chase, but stranger things have happened.

The logjam behind Kahne is a feisty one. Martin Truex Jr. and his one win, along with four-time champ Jeff Gordon, sit just two points out of 10th. Just behind this pairing is Tony Stewart — five markers out of 10th — with a victory that most likely will be the one to pay off.

Lastly, Kurt Busch and his Furniture Row Racing team have made the most of an uptick in RCR support. Close to scoring a win on a few occasions, Busch’s overaggressiveness has hindered his points total. He may be a longshot, but that victory seems right around the next turn ...

Outside Looking In The drivers and teams sitting in 15th - 20th place have some serious work to do. Their obstacle lies not so much in the point deficits — 15th-place Jamie McMurray is only 16 points out of 10th — but in the drivers they must leapfrog just to get into contention.

Granted, one win out of McMurray, Aric Almirola, Jeff Burton, Joey Logano, Ryan Newman or Paul Menard could change the game, but a look at recent history does not favor such a turn of events. Collectively, his group has accumulated just four wins since the beginning of the 2011 season.

That said, Logano and Newman are the most likely to make a move. The former was 10th just three races ago, prior to consecutive 40th-place finishes. The latter has been plagued by four crash-related DNFs, but is otherwise a ninth- to 14th-place finisher — good enough for a Chase spot if he can avoid premature trips to the garage.

Tracks on Tap

SPRINT CUP SERIES

Race: Crown Royal presents the Samuel Deeds 400 at the Brickyard
Track: Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Location: Speedway, Ind.
Date: Sunday, July 28
TV: ESPN (12:00 p.m.)
Specs: 2.5-mile oval
Banking/Turns: 9 degrees
2012 Winner: Jimmie Johnson
Crew Chief’s Take: “Indy is usually a good race for the drivers and teams, although sometimes it isn’t so much for the fans. The teams can work on their cars and make them better throughout the day. The fan base is great in Indy and there is a lot of prestige with winning there. Thing is, it has the potential to be a really good race if the rules package were tweaked a little bit. There have been some decent finishes, but there have been some real snoozers, too. Honestly, if I had a choice I’d rather run at IRP (Lucas Oil Raceway, formerly Indianapolis Raceway Park) than the Motor Speedway.”

NATIONWIDE SERIES

Race: Indiana 250
Track: Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Date: Sunday, July 27
TV: ESPN (2:00 p.m.)
2012 Winner: Elliott Sadler

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

Race: The CarCass Mudsummer Classic presented by CNBC Prime’s “The Profit”
Track: Eldora Speedway
Location: Rossburg, Ohio
Date: Wednesday, July 24
TV: SPEED (7:00 p.m.)
2012 Winner: Inaugural Event

Athlon Fantasy Stall

Looking at Checkers: Jimmie Johnson’s Indianapolis reign is close to impenetrable. He scored three wins in the CoT era, including the 99-laps-led performance last year.

Pretty Solid Pick: Greg Biffle has been like clockwork in Indy, amassing finishes of eighth, fourth, third, seventh and third, respectively, in the last five races.

Good Sleeper Pick: With a good car, Jamie McMurray has been able to work wonders at Indianapolis. He has three finishes of sixth or better in the last five races, including a win in 2010.

Runs on Seven Cylinders: In six races driving for Indy-obsessed Penske Racing, Kurt Busch could only muster a best finish of 10th in 2010. He has finished 21st or lower in four of the last five Brickyard races.

Insider Tip: No one wants it more than Tony Stewart, who has two victories and a series-best 8.2-place average finish at the Brickyard. But no one is better than Johnson, whose four Indy wins are by far a series-best.



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NASCAR should learn from fans’ Eldora enthusiasm

By MATT TALIAFERRO
Athlon Sports Racing Editor

On Wednesday, NASCAR’s Camping World Truck Series will be at the center of the North American motor-sports spotlight.

The series’ visit to Eldora Speedway, near tiny Rossburg, Ohio, will mark the first time one of NASCAR’s three major touring circuits has raced on a dirt track since Sept. 30, 1970. That race, the Old State 200 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, N.C., was won by Richard Petty.

When the green flies over the 150-lap feature in the Mudsummer Classic at Eldora, few (if any) of the participants would even have been born when Petty ended an era of dirt in NASCAR 42 years ago.

And in an odd — yet telling — twist, the visit to Eldora’s 24-degree banked dirt oval is upstaging what once was a jewel on the NASCAR Sprint Cup circuit: The

Brickyard 400 at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Yet, in recent years, interest in NASCAR at the grand old speedway has waned, as evidenced by severely sagging attendance and last year’s desperate inclusion of Nationwide Series and Grand Am races to complement Sunday’s Cup show.

Indy has never provided great “racin’” in the vein stock car fans are accustomed, and a tipping point may have been reached in 2008, when failing Goodyear tires on a newly diamond-ground surface essentially reduced the event to a series of 12-lap heat races.

Enter Eldora, a throwback in the classic sense of the word, as far from a 1.5-mile asphalt cookie-cutter track as one will find. A palpable enthusiasm has permeated the fan base since the date’s announcement last fall; a return to the sport’s roots. Something new, fun and as accessible as a quarter-mile dirt track “just a few miles out in the county.” The big boys of NASCAR will race on (what feels like) a local level. Is this the type of show fans long for from a sport whose sanctioning body often

seems disconnected from the loyal fan base that made NASCAR what it is?

Perhaps NASCAR should learn from this experiment. Perhaps sparsely-attended 500-mile parades at 1.5-mile aero-dependent palaces aren’t what interests fans after all. Perhaps “great racing” at a facility steeped in history means more than NASCAR’s track-operating wing showing a hefty surplus on a ledger sheet.

Perhaps Eldora will help NASCAR find its identity today, the same as the rough ‘n’ tumble short tracks did nearly two decades ago when the sport began a rocketship rise from regional obsession to national phenomenon.

Or perhaps another casino on a speedway’s grounds will justify a second date, as seen at the 1.5-mile Kansas Speedway. Or prime dates will be doled out to struggling ISC facilities, as fellow 1.5-miler Chicagoland Speedway’s first Chase date highlights.

Yes, Wednesday’s show at Eldora will be a fun one to watch. But don’t expect the wallets of the few to be affected by the wants of the many.

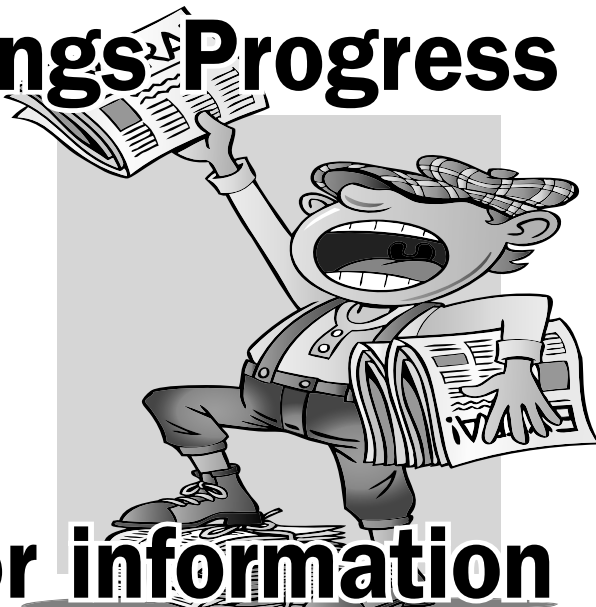
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Kentucky Parents May Face Drug Tests When Child Dies

By Beth Musgrave
Lexington Herald-Leader

A panel of independent experts might recommend the state pass a law that would require parents to take drug or alcohol tests if a child dies in their care.

A toxicology report might have helped police decide whether criminal neglect charges should have been filed in the death of a 2-month-old boy who was found dead face-down on a pillow in April 2012. Both parents later admitted to being high on opiates at the time of the child's death, according to social worker case files.

"This was not SIDS," or sudden infant death syndrome, said Dr. Tracey Corey, the state's chief medical examiner and a member of the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel, which met Monday.

The boy's death is one of more than 140 deaths and near-deaths as a result of abuse and neglect the panel is reviewing to determine how the state's child protection system can improve. The

20-member panel was created by Gov. Steve Beshear in July 2012 and was made permanent by the legislature earlier this year. Monday was the panel's first meeting since House Bill 290 became law in June.

The boy's death also highlighted some glaring communication holes among law enforcement, social workers and the chief medical examiner. Social workers also could have done more to address issues with the family, the panel found Monday.

Corey performed the boy's autopsy. But she told the panel Monday that her autopsy report and final conclusions were not part of the social worker case files. Moreover, Corey said that at the time of the autopsy she was told only that the boy had been born addicted to drugs and not that the parents had admitted using drugs the night of his death. Additionally, she was not told that social workers had been working with the family at the time of the baby's death. The family was part of an intensive treat-

ment program for parents who have substance abuse problems.

"I was not told that they were high or stoned ... on Opana," Corey said.

She said she ultimately ruled that the cause of death was undetermined because she had enough other information to know it was not a SIDS case. But no criminal charges were filed, she noted.

Corey said that she had another case several years ago in Jefferson County in which a child was left alone in a hot car and later died. The mother admitted to being high on Xanax and marijuana at the time. Police tried to get a court order to get the mother tested for drugs.

"That was denied," Corey said.

She said people are routinely tested for drugs and alcohol after fatal traffic accidents. Parents or someone supervising a child at the time of the child's death also should be tested for drugs or alcohol, she said.

Joel Griffith, an administrator with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, said that proposal could be problem-

atic. A parent whose child died because of an accident might be offended to be subjected to a drug test, he said. Sen. Julie Denton, a Republican from Louisville and a panel member, said that she thought it may be problematic to get such a bill through the legislature given Griffith's and others' concerns.

The panel decided Monday to begin collecting information from the 140 case files it is reviewing to determine how many times a drug test could have been used to help prosecute a case.

Teresa James, commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services, also told the panel that social workers should have visited the family more. Child protection is part of the Department for Community Based Services.

The child's parents were in drug treatment and had a relapse shortly before the boy's death. Social workers knew of the relapse.

"We weren't moving fast enough," James said. She said that since the

boy's death — the first in five years for the drug program — the program has made sure that social workers are making the required number of visits to a family.

But James said it was not known whether drug abuse caused the boy's death. The baby was sleeping with multiple people

in a queen bed at the time of his death. Poverty — or lack of money to buy a crib — might have been more of a factor in the baby's death. But because the family was not visited as often as it should have been, it's difficult for social workers to know what should have been done differently, James said.

Secretary Of State Office Launches New Web Site

Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes launched a redesigned Web site <http://www.sos.ky.gov/> recently, streamlining the office's online offerings and making the content mobile friendly.

"The secretary of state's office is focused on providing outstanding customer service," said Grimes. "The redesigned Web site enables constituents to find what they need — from business filings to election information, from historical records to current events — quickly and conveniently."

The new homepage includes links to frequently used features, such as the Kentucky One Stop Business Portal, online business services and candidate filing information, putting popular functions at customers' fingertips. Visitors can also track the office's activity via press releases and social media feeds.

The Web site is visited more than 200,000 times a month on average. The new site is compatible with mobile use, keeping Kentuckians connected.

"According to a recent study, more than half of

adult cell phone users access the internet on their mobile devices, with almost 20 percent using their phones as their primary means of going online," said Grimes. "Creating a mobile-friendly, streamlined Web site is just one way my office is working to remain responsive to those we serve."

The office and its Web site serve a wide range of purposes. The secretary of state is the commonwealth's chief business officer and chief election official, and the Web site enables business entities and candidates to interact with the office efficiently.

Bookmarks to URLs that begin with "app.sos.ky.gov" should not be affected by the launch, but users will need to update bookmarks to pages for which the URL begins with "sos.ky.gov."

"I'm extremely proud of the level of service the secretary of state's office staff provides," said Grimes. "The new Web site translates the staff's expertise to give the same customer-oriented experience to online and mobile users. I'm excited for visitors to use and enjoy our redesigned online office."



COMPLETING a project at the Dawson Springs Branch Library Summer Reading Program Tuesday, June 11, are (from left) Josiah Petit, Jackson Petit, and Elizabeth Garrett.

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Proffitt Thinks School System Made Strides

By Jacob Parker

Former superintendent Charles Proffitt feels that he made great strides in making the school system more data driven and student oriented in his one year tenure. In a June 10 interview, he discussed some of his accomplishments.

“This year has been an organizational year for me,” he said.

Having worked with the Dawson Springs Independent School System in previous years as chief academic officer and assistant superintendent, Proffitt was able to start assessing data and making decisions quickly about things that needed to be altered.

“Right off the bat I was training the human resource director down here, working with two interim principals, and then I hired Mr. Stockman,” he said. “It’s been a busy year, but a rewarding year.”

Proffitt also said that having worked closely with so many different components of the district was beneficial.

“It’s allowed me to find talents within each of those,” he said. “Right now, we have wonderful administrators and staff that are

student centered and student focused.”

This statement is no more evident anywhere than in the tasks the district has completed. A program signed on by the previous superintendent allowed students to have breakfast and lunch free; however, Proffitt saw an extra opportunity for the students.

“The largest impact was when we decided to offer our students breakfast in the classroom this year. It’s been an awesome thing for our high school students,” he said.

Proffitt saw the problem that some children did not want to eat so early in the morning, and he wanted to ensure all students were getting to eat breakfast.

“The staff that we have has ensured there are as minimal amount of disruptions as possible while at the same time we know that all of our students are getting a good, solid breakfast which enables them to learn,” he said.

Another step Proffitt took, applying for a grant to replace the old computers with iMacs, will bring the schools another step ahead with very little cost to the district.

“Any time (the iMacs) are not in use, they’ll remain on and used by U of L for cancer research,” he said. “It’s a great tool we have.”

Among other actions, the elementary library, art room and music room have been moved into the elementary building.

“This allows for our students to not have to transition back and forth between the buildings in the elements,” he said.

Proffitt was also able to save money by installing more energy-efficient light bulbs; and he looked at data concerning textbooks on e-readers to incorporate into the health classroom. In addition, he implemented a new world language program that will offer Spanish, Italian, and Latin, among others.

Because of student centered administrators and staff, becoming a data driven district was easy and rewarding, Proffitt said. To be data driven, Proffitt took a look at what different schools are doing, evaluated what works and what doesn’t, and from there decided which direction to take the schools in.

“For research, I don’t rely on a sole point. I want to see what’s going on in the class-



FORMER superintendent Charles Proffitt spoke to Alexis Seymore before he took the reins from her last year. She has now received the reins back after being named interim superintendent by the school board.

room,” he said. “Everything we do needs to be for the students, and if we’re not focusing all the way down to the student level on our decisions, then we’re missing the boat. If it’s not making the student’s life more suc-

cessful, then there’s no point looking at it.”

Proffitt has since taken over the position of superintendent at Cloverport Independent School System in Breckinridge County. He cited family reasons behind

the decision and thanked the Dawson Springs Board of Education for their support.

“The staff has been tremendously helpful,” he said. “I’d like to thank all of them for their hard work, as well as the students.”

More Than Half Of Districts Have Increased Dropout Age

More than half of all Kentucky school districts raced to adopt the new “Graduate Kentucky” standard keeping students in school through age 18 or until they earn a high school diploma.

Gov. Steve Beshear and Education Commissioner Terry Holliday recommended that remaining school districts should still adopt the policy proactively.

Senate Bill 97 (SB 97), known as the “Graduate Kentucky” bill, passed this year and phases in an increase in the compulsory

school attendance age from 16 to 18, amending the school attendance law created in 1934. So far, 105 school districts have approved the policy change.

“School districts should still move forward and adopt the ‘Graduate Kentucky’ attendance standard, and begin the work toward keeping students in school right away,” said Beshear. “There is no reason to delay putting in place this common-sense expectation of our students — particularly when this attendance age will become

a statewide standard by the 2017-18 school year.”

June 25 was the first day to approve the new compulsory attendance age. Leaders launched “Blitz to 96” — an effort to get 96 school districts (55 percent of all districts) to approve a policy raising the compulsory school age from 16 to 18, because once that number approved the change, the remaining school districts would be obligated to adopt and implement the policy within four years. The first 96 districts to approve the change earned \$10,000

grants from the Kentucky Department of Education to plan for full implementation in the 2015-2016 school year.

“We are still getting reports every day that more districts have taken the bold step of adopting the ‘Graduate Kentucky’ age policy, and those actions show us that there was a real desire by our schools and communities to implement this action quickly,” said first lady Jane Beshear.

“We hope that all of our local boards of education realize what a profound impact

this policy will have on their communities and the lives of at-risk students and not wait,” Holliday said. “The Kentucky Department of Education is committed to support districts implementing strategies and programs that will ensure the additional time students spend in school will be productive and ensure they graduate college/career-ready.”

The first districts to adopt the policy in the “Blitz to 96” will be invited to Frankfort for a special news conference with the governor and commissioner to recognize

them for their swift action.

Research shows that high school graduates live longer, are less likely to be teen parents, and are more likely to raise healthier, better-educated children. High school graduates are also less likely to commit crimes, rely on government healthcare or use other public services.

More information about Graduate Kentucky, a list of districts which have approved the policy and resources available to school districts is available at www.graduate.ky.gov.

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Ky.'s Online Health-Insurance Exchange Will Be Different

From Kentucky Health News

Kentucky is one of 17 states setting up its own online health-insurance exchange under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. A new report provides a limited update about the process and reminds us that Kentucky doesn't have a long-term plan to pay for the Kentucky Health Benefits Exchange, branded Kynect and scheduled to go online Oct. 1.

The state is writing regulations to govern the operations of the exchange and "developing IT systems that house and execute the eligibility determination rules for exchange coverage, federal premium tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance program" says the Georgetown University report, prepared for the Commonwealth Fund, which calls itself "a private foundation that aims to promote a high-performing health care system."

Most states are involving their legislatures in decisions about exchanges, says the report. This is not the case in Kentucky, perhaps because Republicans control the state Senate. Tea party activist David Adams has filed suit, challenging the legality of Gov. Steve Beshear's deci-

sion to implement the exchange without legislative approval. So far, a judge has denied the governor's request to dismiss it.

Even the exchanges with their own rulemaking authority like Kentucky have worked with the legislatures for other decisions, "such as the exchange's long-term financing mechanisms," says the report. The federal funding Kentucky is using to establish the exchange will be gone by 2015, but as of May 31, Kentucky and seven other states had no plans for a long-term revenue source. Other states have either assessed insurers offering coverage on the exchanges or they are assessing taxes to cover the cost, says the report. Kentucky officials have indicated they will use assessments, but some Republicans have said that would be a tax, which only the General Assembly can impose.

The report also highlights the various approaches states have taken toward selection of exchange plans. Kentucky is called a "market organizer," meaning that it "manages plan choices through limits on the number or type of plans that an insurer can offer but does not selectively contract with insurers," says the report. As required by the health-reform law, the Kentucky exchange will

require participating insurers to offer at least "silver" and "gold" plans, and it is also requiring them to offer catastrophic coverage outside the metal-labeled tiers (which could have included "bronze").

Kentucky opted for no more than four plans per metal tier. Officials say limiting the number of plans will help consumers avoid being overwhelmed while giving insurers flexibility. Although the employer mandate to provide health insurance was delayed until 2015, Kentucky's exchange is still expected to offer multiple tiers through multiple insurers for employers to buy insurance, says the report.

In June, the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services issued a request for "Kynectors" to help Kentuckians shop for health insurance on the exchange. These employees and volunteers will help individuals and small businesses in determining their health-plan needs and help them choose plans to meet those needs, the cabinet said.

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THE owner of this car may feel extremely lucky when a fallen tree damaged two other vehicles at Riverside Park Sunday, July 21.

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Solutions To Childhood Obesity Show Some Signs Of Progress

By Molly Burchett
Kentucky Health News

For decades, researchers reported with alarm the increasing trend of overweight children in America, with one in three kids on the way to developing Type 2 diabetes. Across the country, action has been taken to address this problematic trend, and now some preliminary, scattered results indicate that obesity rates have plateaued or dropped in some areas. Is Kentucky part of this success, and if not, will it learn from it?

The first set of positive signs came last year, with falling child obesity rates in New York City and Philadelphia, reports Lydia DePillis of The Washington Post. And, a recent Robert Wood Johnson Foundation brief shows similar progress in states with a large rural population as well.

Mississippi posted a decrease from 43.9 percent of kids being overweight and obese in 2005 to 40.9 percent in 2011, three years after passage of the Mississippi Healthy Students Act.

In North Carolina, Vance and Granville counties saw significant declines after implementing healthy living programs based on the Centers for Disease Control's community guide.

Kids in Kearney, Neb., in grades one through five saw a 13.5 percent decline in obesity rates between 2005 and 2011.

West Virginia fifth graders posted an 8.6 percent reduction in obesity rates over a six-year period.

Overall, progress was made through community-based solutions, including changes to make healthy foods available in schools while eliminating fried foods and working to integrate physical activity into people's daily lives while educating them about the importance of doing that, says the brief.

Kentucky, which suffers from one of the highest childhood obesity rates in the country, could learn from these successful programs. The state ties Mississippi for the highest percentage of youth in grades 9 to 12 who are obese (18 percent) and has the third highest percentage of children ages 10 to 17 who are obese (21 percent),

compared to 16.4 percent nationally, says a report by Kentucky's Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

The Kentucky General Assembly has not enacted legislation regarding healthy eating and physical activity like many other states, notes a National Conference of State Legislatures report, but established a task force that made various recommendations to the legislature in September for strategies that address the problem of childhood obesity and that encourage better nutrition and increased physical activity among Kentucky children.

Some of the task force's recommendations include: requiring schools to improve nutritional content of school food, including promoting the use of school gardens, adopting a statewide standard for physical activity initiatives and nutrition education in schools and encouraging physical activity through a coordinated school health program.

Kentucky has no requirements for physical activity in schools. About 65 percent of Kentucky's youth did not attend physical-education classes in 2010, and 80 percent did not attend such class-

es five days per week, says a 2011 Center for Disease Control and Prevention survey.

However, the state does have several programs to promote physical activity or healthy eating. They include the Farm to School program, which has been adopted by 1,243 schools and 174 school districts and is a collaborative effort between federal and state agencies to bring local agricultural products to schools and to educate students about local food production, says the report.

Using the success of other state programs and existing Kentucky programs as a guide, Kentuckians and "the members of the Task Force on Childhood Obesity are encouraged to continue their advocacy efforts to address Kentucky's health crisis in ways that have the greatest likelihood of preventing and reversing chronic diseases associated with childhood obesity," says the report.

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State Receives Funds To Train Dislocated Workers

Kentucky has received a \$1,240,897 million National Emergency Grant (NEG) to expand training of dislocated workers, Gov. Steve Beshear announced July 16. The grants will support on-the-job training, customized training, registered apprenticeships and other approaches that connect individuals with employers, with a focus on providing these services to those in long spells of unemployment.

"As the economy is still in recovery, many people still face barriers in returning to work," said Beshear. "These funds will strengthen the capacity of Kentucky's workforce development system to deliver critical work-based learning and training to hundreds of unemployed Kentuckians."

States were invited to apply for the one-time funding in May and were asked to prioritize training efforts on workers who have been unemployed for 27 weeks or longer. States were also en-

couraged to provide services to workers who are likely to exhaust their unemployment insurance benefits soon.

Dislocated workers often have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, such as when layoffs result from the permanent closure of an office or plant. The funding is being provided in recognition of a high number of long-term unemployed individuals and the continuing negative impacts of widespread, small layoffs across the country.

National Emergency Grants (NEG) are part of the U.S. secretary of labor's discretionary fund and are awarded based on a state's ability to meet specific guidelines. NEG funding is administered by the Kentucky Department of Workforce Investment's Office of Employment and Training in the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

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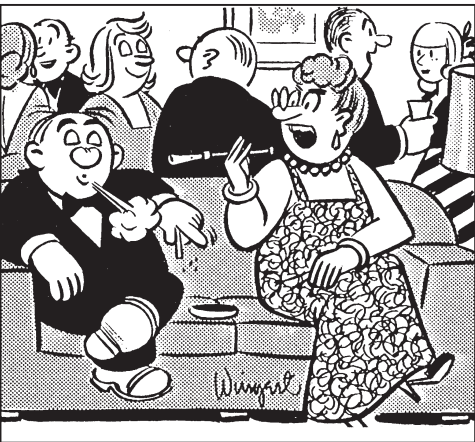
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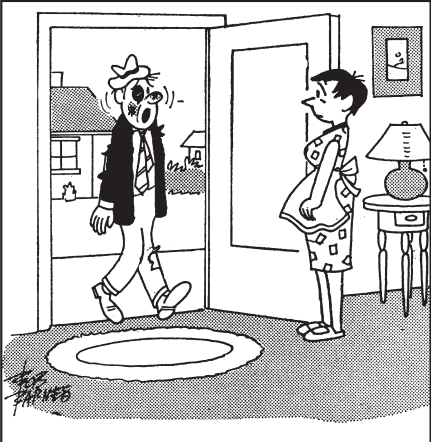
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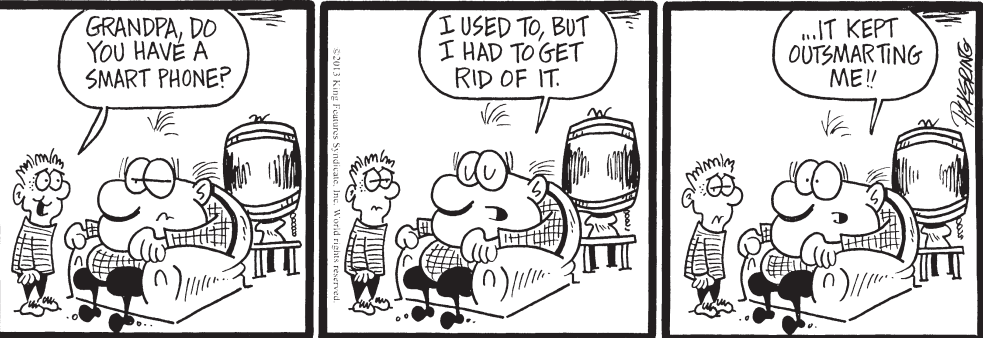
"Put that cigarette back where you got it!"

LAFF A DAY



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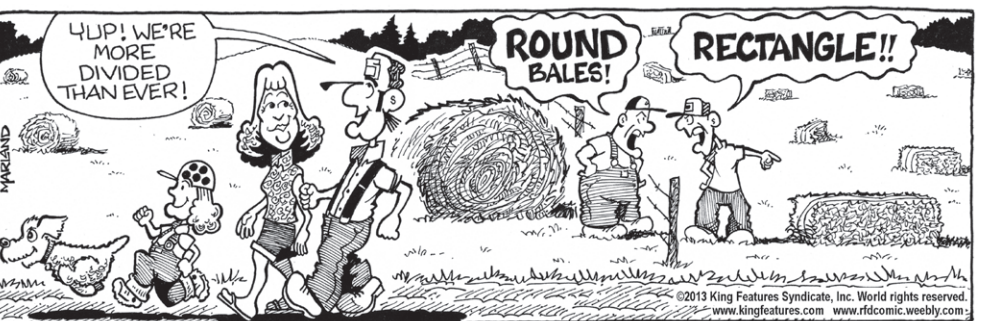
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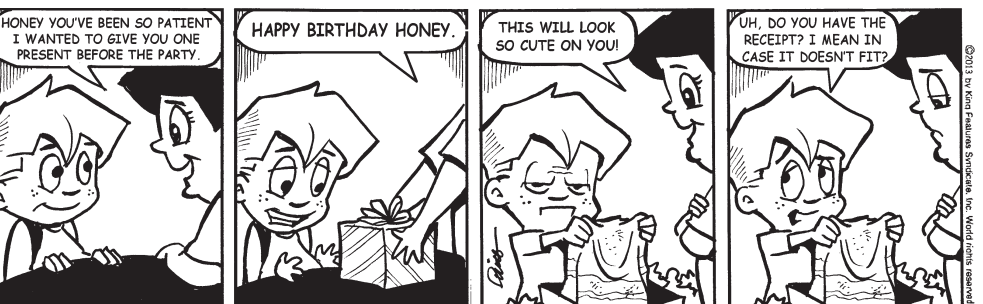
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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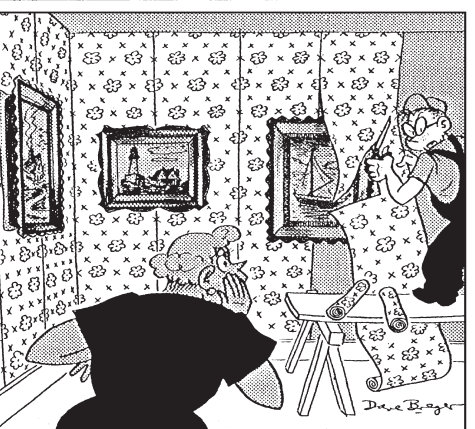
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER by Dave Breger



"Madam, do I criticize YOUR work . . . ?"

TRIVIA TEST

1. MEDICAL: The condition called nephrolithiasis is more commonly referred to as what?
2. CONGRESS: What did the acronym HUAC stand for?
3. INVENTIONS: What 19th-century ranching aid did Joseph Glidden invent?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are Georgetown University's sports teams known as?
5. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCII?
6. LITERATURE: In what book do the characters Flopsy and Mopsy appear?
7. LANGUAGE: What is a poseur?
8. FOOD AND DRINK: What product is advertised as "Vermont's Finest"?
9. SCIENCE: What is the chemical symbol for mercury?

10. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Pillars of Hercules?

Answers

1. Kidney stones
2. House Un-American Activities Committee
3. Barbed wire
4. Hoyas
5. 1602
6. "The Tale of Peter Rabbit"
7. Someone who pretends to be something he or she is not
8. Ben & Jerry's ice cream
9. Hg (hydrargyrum)
10. Strait of Gibraltar

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SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Least distant
- 8 "Mr. Mom" co-star
- 16 Prefix with physics
- 20 Accept the opinion of
- 21 Was very meaningful
- 22 Word after New or golden
- 23 Compound in Turns
- 25 Part of FYI
- 26 "It's —!" ("See you then!")
- 27 Put a flaw in
- 28 Run — (pioneering rap trio)
- 29 Fats Domino's "Whole — Loving"
- 30 Departs in a ship
- 32 Man — cloth
- 35 Wrinkle-free textile fiber
- 36 Previous to, in odes
- 37 What women film directors and producers break through
- 40 Satisfied sigh
- 42 — the finish
- 43 Liting tune
- 44 — dixit
- 45 "Pony Time" singer
- 51 Gorilla researcher Fossey
- 53 Delhi money
- 54 "Buddy" star Russo
- 55 Greek consonants
- 57 "All in the Family" in-law Mike
- 61 Kill — killed
- 62 Rumble
- 63 Former rival of Best Buy
- 65 Salt Lake City student
- 66 Robert Frost, e.g.
- 67 Requiring no prescription: Abbr.
- 68 Scientist — Hubbard
- 69 Pooh-bah
- 70 School cutups
- 73 "— Herr"
- 74 Sprint
- 75 Valorous
- 76 Revolting
- 77 Bern's round
- 78 All wound up
- 81 Numismatist
- 84 1995-2007 NFL lineman
- 87 America's "Uncle"
- 89 Courtroom declaration
- 90 Sturdy tree
- 91 British newspaper puzzle
- 96 Sis's sib
- 99 Loose overcoat
- 100 Like Jack Sprat's diet
- 101 Rocked on the brink
- 104 Violinist
- 105 Chairman of China
- 106 "— for Innocent" (Grafton novel)
- 107 Not just stout
- 108 "Here we are — olden days ..."
- 109 Tendencies of a social group's behaviors and beliefs
- 114 Congregate
- 115 Using indirect references
- 116 City noted for miracle cures
- 117 Give lip
- 118 Sticky strips with poison
- 119 Tortilla treat

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- 2 Chief
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- 10 Eve's origin
- 11 Nuptial vow
- 12 India's Indira
- 13 Shady public walk
- 14 Univ. military program
- 15 Map no.
- 16 "Health Letter" publisher
- 17 Voyage of vanity?
- 18 Germans
- 19 Systematize
- 24 Give a ring
- 29 China's Chou En- —
- 31 Sore
- 32 28.35 grams
- 33 Criticism
- 34 Like a tribal emblem
- 35 Mockery
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- 40 Busy as —
- 41 Prez Lincoln
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- 46 Rush violently
- 47 Sustain
- 48 Barbarous
- 49 Actor
- 50 Karel Capek play
- 52 Env. alert
- 56 Hard: Prefix
- 58 Bon — (playboy)
- 59 "Yea, verily"
- 60 2002 Lucy Liu sci-fi film
- 62 Sioux shoe
- 63 Dol. units
- 64 One of four archangels
- 66 Greek consonants
- 67 Above
- 71 Their bulbs produce
- 72 Female
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- 77 "— of robins ..."
- 78 Brewed drink
- 80 Lobbying gp.
- 82 — Lund Laszlo
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- 85 Shrinking
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- 103 Critic Roger
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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
Smoking Isn't Only Cause of Emphysema

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I work with a woman who claims she has emphysema. She smokes regularly and finds herself out of breath when coming up the stairs. She is 60. She says when she was 9, a local gas station near her home moved and, in the process, pulled up the gas tanks that provide gas to the pumps. The fumes from the move caused her emphysema. She doesn't know anyone else with the problem, and there are no class-action lawsuits I can find that cite gas fumes from moving gas tanks as causing emphysema.

Will you clarify and talk about emphysema? -- E.E.

ANSWER: Emphysema is destruction of the millions of air sacs that fill the lungs. It's through these sacs that oxygen reaches the blood. One of the chief signs of emphysema is shortness of breath when active, as in climbing stairs. Emphysema is one-half of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD. The other half is chronic bronchitis, an inflammation and narrowing of the breathing tubes, filled with pus. The inflamed tubes obstruct airflow into the lungs. The chief sign of chronic bronchitis is a never-ending cough.

Smoking is the greatest cause of COPD, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, but not the only cause. In past days, workers in mines inhaling the dust were subject to emphysema, as were people who worked in cotton mills. Those who made a living in grain-processing plants also were subject to COPD. Now stringent regulations protect these workers.

An inherited condition, called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, also leads to emphysema. Alpha-1 antitrypsin tells cells that scrub the interior of air sacs to stop scrubbing when the air sacs are clean. Without its signal, scrubbing goes on, and the air sacs are destroyed.

I have never heard of emphysema arising in a situation like your fellow worker describes. She must be happy explaining her condition the way she does. Let her be happy. It's her way of coping with the illness. She also must be smart enough to know that smoking is harming her greatly, regardless of her emphysema cause.

The booklet on COPD explains this common malady in clear terms. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 601W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

What is the purpose of making all Coumadin users make a separate trip to a nurse for having their blood checked? It's an additional charge that I cannot afford. Is there any other drug I could use? I am 93. -- R.J.

ANSWER: I imagine the procedure was instituted so the nurse can change your dose of Coumadin right away if the blood tests indicate that your blood is too thin or too thick. Coumadin is an anticoagulant that stops clots from forming; it really does thin blood. The medicine is prescribed when a person has a condition where clots form and might cause a stroke. Atrial fibrillation is such a condition.

You can ask your doctor if you're a candidate for the new anticoagulant Pradaxa. With it, you don't need to have the same blood checks.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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PEOPLE

Books By Local Authors Featured At Barbecue

Local authors will sign copies of their newly released books from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the annual Dawson Springs Barbecue.

Dr. James A. Harryman, a 1979 graduate of Dawson Springs High School who writes under the pen name Allen James, will be on hand signing copies of his collection of poetry entitled *From the Heart: prose and poetry from the depths of life*, as well as copies of his newly released *The Journey: A Calendar Book*.

The *Journey: A Calendar Book* (\$17) is a daily calendar in book form which consists of daily readings encouraging positivity and a realization of personal suc-

cess in our lives. From the *Heart: prose and poetry from the depths of life* (\$10) consists of poems which detail the life events which define this Western Kentucky small town from youth to adulthood.

Becky Dorris Solomon, a 1964 DSHS graduate, will also be available signing copies of her recently published *Ghosts Along the Tradewater* (\$10), *Maybelle's Diary* (\$7) and *Nothing to Fear* (\$12). Her books highlight local humor through short stories recounting life in rural Kentucky.

Other area authors including Cheryl Orten have been invited to participate in the event.

Craft/Bake Sale Benefit Scheduled At Wal-Mart

A craft and bake sale to benefit the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Princeton Wal-Mart. Donations will also be accepted.

The foundation, made up entirely of volunteers, was created in 2009 by families with children with hydrocephalus, an abnormal buildup of the brain's normal

water-like fluid.

The mission of the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation is to educate the community by raising the level of awareness about this brain condition.

The contact person in Kentucky is Sarah Wilson-Kraft of Mayfield. The donation Web site is <http://www.active.com/donate/phfky>.



TORI HOOPER did not mind the 90 degree heat Tuesday, July 23, at the city pool.

Registrations Accepted For First Adventure Race

Registrations are being accepted for the first "Independence Bank: Madisonville is an Adventure Race" Aug. 10.

Participating teams will be given clues to find locations on the race course throughout downtown Madisonville. At each site, they will be asked to complete a fun, unique challenge.

Teams may register in four categories: competitive men's, women's, co-ed and family. Preregistration is required by July 31.

Each winning team will receive \$100 donated by Independence Bank.

The Adventure Race is considered appropriate for teams of varying levels of fitness. Family teams will be

asked to complete five of six challenges, with competitive teams completing 11 of 12. Registered participants can get a prerace clue at the Aug. 9 Friday Night Live at the Independence Bank tent.

The event will benefit the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program in Hopkins County Schools. Free musical entertainment will be provided outside the Judicial Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day of the race. Food will be available for purchase. The community is invited to attend.

The registration form is available online at <http://www.hopkins.kyschools.us/AdventureRaceForm>.

MCC Receives Funds For Talent Search Program

Madisonville Community College has announced that the TRiO Talent Search federally funded program has received its third year of a five-year funding cycle for the school year beginning Sept. 1, 2013. The annual level funded award of \$329,727 is a reduction of 5.2 percent from the second year funding due to the federal mandated sequestration. Implemented at MCC in 1985, the TRiO Talent Search or Educational Talent Search has consistently met all annual program objectives for the eligible middle and high school participants.

TRiO Talent Search is a federally funded program for middle and high school students from Crittenden, Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties with the office located at MCC. The program provides workshops, small group and individual meetings during the school year that prepare the program participants for college graduation. The 2011-2016 TRiO Talent Search grant focus is to

prepare eligible students not only for college enrollment but for college graduation.

An emphasis is placed on rigorous curriculum success to lay the foundation for baccalaureate degree completion. Student participation in TRiO Talent Search has a direct impact on participant performance with the Kentucky Department of Education's accountability system and other state initiatives. College and career readiness and academic growth across all student populations are central elements of the programming.

The Talent Search theme, *Take the lead...Be Prepared... Graduate from college!* is emphasized with regular in-school group workshops, individual and small group sessions, college campus tours, cultural exposure and coordination with in-school and summer academic enrichment opportunities.

For additional information about the TRiO Talent Search Program, phone 821-2250.



KYLIE LITTLEJOHN

Local Student Attends MSU Summer Program

By Jacob Parker

Kylie Littlejohn, 12 years old and a soon-to-be seventh-grader, just spent a week at Murray State University after being chosen to participate in the Summer Challenge Program from June 23 to 28.

In order to be accepted into the program, Kylie had to have an IQ of 125 or above, maintain proficient or distinguished levels in state exams, and submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher. Open to students in Kentucky who are in fifth to eighth grade, Kylie was one of only 40 able to be accepted into the program.

Kylie took the Crime Scene Investigation class, adding to her interest in crime television shows. She said NCIS and *Whodunnit?* are two of her favorite shows.

"I like trying to figure things out," she said.

Of the activities Kylie took part in during the program, she gained experience in checking for fingerprints, tire tracks and shoe prints.

"I want to do something like this for crime scenes,"

she said.

To check for fingerprints, she participated in an activity in which fingerprints are exposed to heat and super glue which, in turn, hardened the fingerprints and made them visible. Another activity focused on logic. She and her classmates had to determine who was most likely to have killed a man in the example.

Kylie said experimenting with fingerprints is her favorite part of forensics.

"I learned how every finger has a different fingerprint and a different pattern," she said. "I have an arch on my thumb, but on my pointer finger I have a loop."

Other activities included swimming and movie nights and a walk to a local yogurt shop.

The 4.0 GPA student, who has been in Gifted and Talented at Dawson Springs Elementary School since third grade, said she has considered forensics as a future career and plans to go to Murray State University or Western Kentucky University.

"I want to go into forensics or marine biology," she said.



DENISHA RANDOLPH leaps into the city pool in an attempt to beat the 90 degree temperature Tuesday, July 23.

Entries Being Accepted For Blackpatch Pageant

Entries are being accepted for the annual Miss Black Patch Princess and Junior Miss Black Patch Beauty Contest to be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Butler Auditorium in Princeton. Rehearsal is at 6 p.m. Aug. 16.

The pageants are open to girls ages 8 to 12 and 13 to 15, respectively in Caldwell and surrounding counties.

Applications are available at Ziobro's Weddings and Formals, 219 E. Main St.,

Princeton after 3 p.m.; Farmer's Bank, 111 W. Washington St.; and the Farmer's Bank Branch on U.S. 62 West.

An entry fee of \$40 is being charged, and each pageant is limited to the first 25 girls entering the contest. The deadline for entry is Aug. 10.

The event is presented by The Caldwell County Historical Society. For information, phone 365-9813.

Crittenden County DQ Launches New Blizzard

By Chris McGee
The Crittenden Press

Marion Dairy Queen Grill and Chill general manager Meri Orr and employee Maggie Harrison have put the Crittenden County restaurant on the national map.

The pair tinkered with new Blizzard flavors, and their lemon meringue pie filling idea has now been accepted by the nationwide chain.

The Blizzard consists of crunchy pie pieces and whipped topping in creamy vanilla soft serve.

Orr said the process toward approval of a new Blizzard involved experimenting with different items

and flavor combinations to see what worked. She added that patience and time are also part of the process for having a new flavor accepted.

Any new flavor must be sent in for approval by the franchise before it makes the menu.

"I sent it in the first time about a year, year and a half ago, and they didn't approve, so I tried again," Orr said. "I submitted it four times."

Orr said that Harrison is the one who came up with the pie flavor itself.

The new flavor, in addition to being in all the national stores, is currently the Blizzard of the Month.

Hummingbird Festival Set For Aug. 3 and 4 At LBL

The annual Hummingbird Festival will be held Aug. 3 and 4 at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area Woodlands Nature Station. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and up, \$4 for ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and under.

Highlights include hummingbird banding demonstrations, a nature photography program, a wildlife sketching workshop, a native plant sale, live animal encounters, local wildlife experts and activities for kids.

Dinner with the hummingbirds is scheduled for Aug. 2 in the Woodlands Nature Station back yard. The cost is \$20 per person and requires reservations and full deposits due to limited space. For complete information or reservations, phone 924-2020.

Banding demonstra-

tions will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3 and 4, and Hummingbirds 101 is scheduled at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. both days.

Additional events on Aug. 3 are gardening for hummingbirds and butterflies at noon and nature photography at 2 p.m. Hummingbird folklore will be presented at noon Aug. 4 with a sketching workshop at 2 p.m.

"Hummingbird migration in this area is at its peak in August," said Nature Station Interpreter Carrie Szwed. "A large number of hummingbirds stop here on their journey south to Mexico and Central America. During this time, up to 200 hummingbirds visit our feeders in a single day. The festival is an opportunity to be a part of this awesome event."

Search For New President Begins At Murray State

By Hawkins Teague
Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray State University Board of Regents Presidential Search Committee voted Monday to invite three search firms to campus later this week to make their case on why they should help to select MSU's next president.

Steve Williams, who chairs the committee, appeared on a projection screen via video conference in the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business building and praised MSU's human resources department and HR Director Tom Hofacker for doing an excellent job seeking proposals from search firms. He added that none of the firms that submitted proposals were eliminated from the running based on any deficiencies. He said HR staff had recommended inviting Witt Kieffer, Academic Search and Korn Ferry International to campus, and that those firms were also rated highest by committee members, who rated the firms individually.

Committee member Kevin Binfield moved to invite Witt Kieffer, Academic Search and Korn Ferry In-

ternational to campus Friday to make presentations. The motion was seconded and approved by the committee. Board of Regents Secretary Jill Hunt-Lovett said the meeting would be held at 8 a.m. Friday in the Jesse Stuart Room on the second floor of Pogue Library, where the board usually meets.

Binfield noted that the report from the HR department said Korn Ferry had been hired for the last three presidential searches. He said had concerns about the firm because the last two searches it conducted resulted in hiring presidents who did not have any experience in higher education administration. Williams said the committee could consider experience when deciding its criteria for presidential candidates and should make its criteria clear to whichever firm was chosen to lead the search.

Deann Toby, MSU's director of procurement, said 10 firms submitted proposals after the HR department sent 26 invitations. The other seven firms to submit bids were Greenwood/Asher Association, Myers McRae, Parker Executive Search, Baker & Associates, McPherson & Jacobson, R. William Funk & Associates and RPA.